



**Our Time to Shine**

**UNIVERSITY**  
**HIGH SCHOOL**



# Our Mission

The mission of University High School of the Humanities is to prepare young men and women for the challenges of a rapidly changing society. Through rigorously innovative academic programs that emphasizes the humanitarian aspects of education, we cultivate the intellect and raise social awareness in our student body, by thoroughly integrating history, literature, mathematics, and science with classical and contemporary art of various genres. We provide a forum for the creative abilities of our learners. This interdisciplinary approach, coupled with the ethical training provided by our faculty, fosters in our students the moral and academic fiber necessary for the leader of tomorrow.

## University High School

Home of the Phoenix

At University High School, we strive to produce leaders of sound character who possess a lifelong commitment to learning and service. While striving to educate our students to their fullest potential, we simultaneously prepare them to maintain and strengthen the community bonds and traditions of our society. The motto of our school, "PAY IT forward" mandates our student body to volunteer their time in order to create a better world. This global vision for nurturing all facets of the learner not only enriches the life of the students, but the lives of those they encounter.



# The Star Polishes



makem shine. Have a great day!



"And to all those star polisher who work hard every day to make our stars shimmer"



# rs of University

“ Every job is a self-portrait of the person who did it. Autograph your work with excellence.

”





Ms. Leotsakas,  
Ms. Lopez,  
Ms. Ruesta  
and Ms. Pak,  
welcome  
to the UHS  
family.



**The choice is yours  
So make it a positive one.**  
[www.thechoicegame.cc.n](http://www.thechoicegame.cc.n)





There comes a time in your life when you realize that if you stand still, you will remain at this point forever. You realize that if you fall and stay down, life will pass you by.

Life's circumstances are not always what you might wish them to be. The pattern of life does not necessarily go as you plan. Beyond any understanding, you may at times be led in different directions that you never imagined, dreamed, or designed. Yet if you had never put any effort into choosing a path, or tried to carry out your dream, then perhaps you would have no direction at all.

Rather than wondering about or questioning the direction your life has taken, accept the fact that there is a path before you now. Shake off the "why's" and "what if's," and rid yourself of confusion. Whatever is- is what's important. The past is a brief reflection. The future is yet to be realized. Today is here.

Walk your path one step at a time - with courage, faith, and determination. Keep your head up, and cast your dreams to the stars. Soon your steps will become firm, and your footing will be solid again. A path that you never imagined will become the most comfortable direction you could have ever hoped to follow.

Keep your belief in yourself and walk into your new journey. You will find it magnificent, spectacular, and beyond your wildest imaginings.

Congratulation!  
Roger Leon, Principal



His Imperial Royal Majesty, Principal, Roger Leon

“Walk your path one step at a time - with courage, faith, and determination. Keep your head up, and cast your dreams to the stars.”



Regina V. Sharpe,  
Vice Principal

A wise man was once quoted as saying,  
"Watch your thoughts for they will become words.  
Watch your words for they will become actions.  
Watch your actions for they will become habits.  
Watch your habits for they will become your character.  
Watch your character for it will become your destiny."  
May the words, actions, habits, and character that we have infused in you at University High School aid your destiny all the days of your life and lead you to great success.  
Best wishes to you all!



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*Dear Joyce,  
I am so  
excited to  
see you I know  
you will go  
soon I have  
enjoyed knowing  
you I hope  
to always  
know you.  
Good luck  
R. Heyl*



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Ms. George, Clerk



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Ms. Harvey, School Clerk

Camara Shy: Ms Melvin- Salaam, Senior Clerk



Members of both Custodial Staff and Security sit down to enjoy a meal while Mr. Leon, welcomes everyone back to the start of what will be a great new academic year.

**Security Staff:** Mr. Hutchins, Ms. Taylor, Ms. Jenkins, Ms. Parker

**Custodial Service:** Mr. Dunbar, Mr. Ervin, Ms. Parker, Mr. Short, Mr. Walker.

**Food Services:**  
Camara Shy - Judy Mackens, Francis Delgado, Luz Vazquez, Kerlyn Raymond, Tamika Valencia

# It's so hard being # 1



Guess who?



Can't study anymore.



Learn! You must learn.



We're # 1.



I'm so tired. I'm so hungry.



So, Walter how do you pronounce your last name?



Let the party begin!

Our very own Mr. McDreamy!







Oh Jose, you dance devinely.



The Dream Tennis Team of 1980

Oh shoot! You  
caught me  
going into my  
donut stash.  
Rats.



Say cheese.



Even teachers  
get to have  
FUN.



What you  
looking at?  
Nah



Be afraid. Be very,  
very afraid.



Smile for the camera.



When did you  
guys get  
here?



Text message:  
Students 40-50  
page research  
paper; Due  
tomorrow.

Oh my gosh.

That's right you  
heard me Leon.  
Drop down and  
give me 50 push-  
ups. NOW Mr.!



Stay away from my goodies!

FE, FI, FOE, FUM,  
I SMELL  
NEW FRESHMEN  
CHEWING GUM!



# Gifted & Talented Class of 2012



Asmaa Ahmad



Nicole Binns



Alexa Chandler



Robert Clark



Cheryse Damon



Gabriella Feliciano



Ashley Garland



Asia Garrett



Christopher Goddard



Henrietta Keazer



Ekindele Lebarty



Isaac Lonzano



Jaque Martinez



Tiffany McDaniel



Olaogun Abayomi



Onyiah Ikechukwa



Aleiyah Richardson



Romero Norberto



Arianne Wade



Sierra Williams

*The beginning of knowledge is the discovery of something we do not understand.*

# Gifted & Talented

## Sarah Barnum

I would like to thank all of my teachers, friends, and family and especially Mr. Leon. They have all helped me learn so much in my time here. To my family they have given me so much support and are very proud of me and what I've achieved. To my friends, they have made these past two years fun and I am glad to have known them. Finally I am thankful that Mr. Leon gave me the opportunity to prove myself.



## Gia Bethea

I would like to thank all my teachers especially Ms. Alvaret for everything she has done for me. She has made a difference in my life, would also like to thank Mr. Leon for accepting me into UHS and giving me the chance to be the best. To my mother, I also would like to thank. She has played a big part in my life and has really helped me make it through. I want to make her proud.



## Marcus Boler

My time here at UHS was swell. I loved these past two years. I had lots of fun in school and learned many things. Thanks to all of my peers and teachers for a wonderful time.

## Helecmah Boseman

I want to say, thank you to UHS. This is a great school and I know it has helped me become a better person. I would also like to thank all the teachers who have shared their knowledge. I would also like to thank my 8th grade class. We FINALLY made it! I wish you all good luck in high school.



## Alexis Brown

I want to thank my mother for pushing me and being on my back to get into this school. You were right mom. Next, I want to thank my teachers for helping me do better and giving me the extra help I needed; and lastly to my friends, you know who you are. Thank you.



## Donya Burgess

I would like to thank my family for making me want to strive to be the best; to my brother for encouraging me when I had doubt; to my parents for believing in me when I didn't believe in myself; and to my teachers for all their help. Lastly I want to thank my fourth grade teacher, and my mentor and best friend Mr. Davis. Thank you.



## Donnie Damon

I am the short but smart guy who always seems to stand alone in the crowd. But I made it! Thank you to all of you, and to all of my friends.

## Deja Douglas

Before everyone, I want to thank God. I want to thank my mommy for all the work she has put into helping me get good grades. She would cheer me on and tell me not to listen to anyone who would say negative things to me. I want to thank my family for support and love, to my teachers for all their help and to my friends, especially my best friend Nadineh.



# Eighth Grade Class

**Saundra Drayton**

I give thanks to my parents for helping me with school on time. Getting up early is hard. Thank you to all their help when I've been late for this school for what I will share.



**Mina Fouad**

I give thanks to my family, friends, and teachers for all their help and in my subjects. I also want to thank Mr. Leon. He is a great principal.



**Nadirah Harrington**

I would like to thank my parents and my grandmother for supporting and helping me. Next, I would like to thank my teachers, especially Ms. Harris. She is always helping us whether it's in school or out. Lastly, I want to thank all my friends for being there and helping me through the school year, especially my best friend Deja.

**Albert Hichez**

Thank you to everyone who has been there for me. This is just the beginning. I want to thank Mr. Leon for allowing me the opportunity to come to University. To all my teachers who have taught me the importance of a good education and that I need to look beyond high school and to my parents for all their support.



**Morris Hunter**

I would like to thank both my mother and my father with out them I would not have thought to apply to University. I say thank you to all my teachers for their help and support, and to all at University for showing me that University is a way of life.



**Nyasa Jackson**

I want to thank my parents for conceiving me and raising me into a young lady. I want to thank Mr. Leon for accepting me to this school and to the teachers and staff for being so helpful. I hope to continue until my senior year at UHS even after eighth grade.



**Shagun Kukreja**

The two years that I have spent at University High School were a great learning experience. But had it not been for the support of my friends, parents, and my little brother, along with the help of my teachers, I wouldn't have survived. My family encouraged me to do my best. My friends gave support and my teachers, Ms. Harris, Mr. Nazario, Ms. Alvarez, Ms. Glenda, Mr. Davis, Ms. Ortiz all drove me on to success. Thank you!

**Isaiah Manuel**

Thank you to all my teachers for everything you have taught me so that I can be a better person and student. Thank you to my parents for everything.



# Class of 2007

**Sedik Mohammad**

Thank you



**Melodee Montgomery**

I would like to give special thanks to All Mighty God, for giving me breathe. To my family for encouraging me to continue to do better. To Haleemah, my sister. I love you and to all the people that I have not mentioned - Thank You.



**Vasyil Nayda**

Thank you to Mr. Leon and all the teachers for this great year. Thank you for letting us enter further into the world of knowledge and wisdom. Thank you to all my other teachers, you have made a big difference in my life!



**Elwood Nolen**

Thank you University High School for having the greatest teaching staff. To Mr. Leon, I thank you for accepting me into this fantastic place. I also want to thank God for waking me up everyday and getting to school on time. God has made the biggest part in my life.



**Chibueze Onwunaka**

To my seventh grade teachers at University - Thank you for all you have taught me so that I could be ready for 8th grade. To my 8th grade teachers thank you for preparing me for success. It's been fun, but now I'm ready to move on.



**Phelps Brandon**

I was nervous when I began at University high school, but rapidly I gained many friends and became more comfortable at UHS. I also got to know and become friends with many teachers. To all of you and to my friends I want to say - THANKS



**Smiley Jarubi**

I would like to thank all my teachers even though we may not have always seen eye to eye. I also want to thank my friends for their support and to my fellow graduates: we've made it. Love to my family - I love you.



**Stokes Denel**

To my family, friends, and teachers who have made these past two years great - Thank you. I am now ready for high school. With any luck, I'll be back again as a 9th grader.





**Alexis Woodard**

Thank you, everyone for all your help and support and mostly for helping me grow and learn that there is more in this world than meets the eye

*Experiencing 8th Grade in a high school setting is very difficult yet exciting. Students who excel often take full advantage of all that the time has to offer. The exceptional and unforgettable students of 2007 have given my colleagues and myself reasons to talk until we are blue in the face; hold back tears as we listen compassionately; laugh until our stomachs ache, ponder reasons why in the world? and reflect on our practices and their progress. I wish them all well as they travail through the magical, wondrous gift that is education.*

*The Best Always. Ms. Harris*



**Karren Harris,**  
Eighth Grade Faculty Advisor



"Do you think they can see me behind this flag?"



"Here's the plan; we'll look interested."



"I thought this place was going to be easy. . . boy was I wrong"



"Boy, is it cold!"







"Ms. Harris will never know the difference." (last minute homework.)

"I'll hide behind this book. . ."



"Do you think any one can recognize me?"



"As I ponder the universe. . ."



# A PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS.

"Can they see me?"




"I don't know what's she's talking about but I'll keep smiling until I do."

Hmm? "Which way is left?."



Maybe, if i just keep thinking.  
... I love math,  
I love math, I  
love math; I'll  
understand it.





Class of 2010

Freshmen

# FRESHMEN



Aminata Aboris



Kameron Aleson



Whitley Alvarado



Raven Anderson



Samirah Anderson



Taread Armstrong



Carlos Antares



Brandon Brandon



James Barr



Omar Barfata



Kameron Bean



Matthew Beckley



Rakeyiah Ben



Euginavaria Brandy



Taysha Brinson



Annalise Brown



Natalya Brown



Lietelle Byard



Cornelius Cady



Story Calderon



Eric Clark



Tiana Cohen



Ahmed Cooper



Nytriah Cox



Tai Crawford



Liana Curry-Desales



Rashawn Davis



Kameron Dorset



Sahid Dertch



Coetta Edwards

# THE ROAD to SUCCESS

The first year in high school is extremely critical for all new students. It is during this time that you make decisions that will have an effect on the rest of your high school life. This is not meant to scare you or take away any of the excitement and anticipation you feel about being in high school; quite the opposite. This is all about the things you need to learn not only to survive your first year, but to thrive in high school.

**1. Lay The Foundation.** The first year is not just your general school — and around all the test-type information — you must find and determine personal goals for when you enter.

**2. Lay The Groundwork.** In elementary school, the teachers tended to lead you through all the homework assignments. In high school, the teachers put the responsibility — and expect you to be prepared. The responsibility of preparing a log, a well-organized calendar — whatever it takes for you to know when assignments are due.

Find the ideal place for your study. It might seem like a simple thing, but find a quiet place where you can study without distractions — while working on your assignments as possible.

**3. DO THE CLASSES.** Learning is not a luxury, it is a requirement. Attend all classes, even if you are not interested. Avoid the temptation. Besides learning the material by attending classes, you'll also receive feedback from the teachers about what to expect on tests, changes in due dates, etc.

**4. Develop An Future Plan.** Know Your Requirements. And Then Plan. Develop your future and goals.



Kenneth Bailey



SharDe Palmer



Thomas Fisher



Andre Flanigan



Jessie Garrett



Tameisha Gilmore



Monica Graham



Shanique Groves



Marcol Gwyn



Deanna Haddock



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China Harris-Sykes



Ateradi Hatcher



Jaquan Hatcher



Sade Henry



Vanessa Hernandez



Sable Hightower



Michael Hobbs



Henry Howard



Aesha Holston



Marcus Hopkins



Alex Huggins



Derrick Hunter



Shantea Isreal



Joseph Jaxner



Christopher Jenkins



Dana Jones



Myron Jones



Timothy Jones



Keith Johnson



Ofese Sheu Joseph



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Sean Lawrence



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Matthew Marroto



Shantea Mann



Adia Ambrose



Kayla McClamb



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Qasim McLean



Azania McMillan



Tashara McMillan



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Jami Pirbown



Haxid Pousant



Esther



Herschen Barakshian



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Latoya Rudd



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J. J. Walker



Lawrence Plomer



Chantal Yemmo



Jaid Rogers



**The first year in high school** is a time when you learn to make the most of your high school life. That is not meant to sound like a cliché. The excitement and anticipation you feel about being in high school is a great asset. It's just that you need to do more than only survive in high school — you need to thrive in high school.

**1. Go To Class On Time.** The faster you learn your way around school, the better. And all the more time you have at ease you'll feel and the better prepared you'll be when it comes time to take a test.

**2. Stay Organized.** In elementary school, the teachers tended to lead you through the classwork and due dates. In high school, the teachers post the assignments — and expect you to be prepared. Use your planner, an organizer, a big wall calendar — whatever it takes to make you know when assignments are due.

**3. Find the ideal place for you to study.** It may be your room or a quiet corner of the library. Just find a place that works best for you to get your work done — while avoiding as many distractions as possible.

**4. GO TO CLASS.** Obvious, right? Maybe, but sleeping in and skipping that 8 am class will be tempting at times. Avoid the temptation. Besides learning the material by attending class, you'll also receive vital information from the teachers about what to expect on tests, classwork due dates, etc.

**5. Become An Expert On Class Requirements And Due Dates.** Teachers spend hours and hours preparing course syllabi and calendars so that you will know exactly what is expected of you — and when. One of the lamest excuses a student can give a teacher: "I didn't know my papers due today."

**6. Meet With Your Teachers.** There are only so many to getting to know your teachers personally if later in the semester you run into some snags.

**7. Get to know your counselor.** This is the person who will help you with course requirements, dropping or dropping courses, scheduling of classes for future semesters. This person is your resource for you — and should be the person you turn to with any academic issues.


**8. Don't be a loner.** High School life is a mixture of social and academic happenings. Don't throw the social part away, for in either direction.

**9. Get involved on campus.** A big problem for a lot of new students is the lack of not having a belonging. Joining a select group or a team is a great way to go. Join a sports team, a music group, a chess club, or a sports center. You'll make friends and have a place to go when you need it.

**10. Don't be a loner.** High School life is a mixture of social and academic happenings. Don't throw the social part away, for in either direction.

No, you're not  
seeing double.





Class of 2009

Sophomores



Yolanda Aguilera



Jemilbadin Ahmed



Latifa Ali



Sherias Ali



Crystal Alkassar



Smory Alvarez



Gloria Appah-Kubi



Nicolas Asarwood



Josephine Bawumeh



Inisa Bay



Positive Birch



Dennis Blair



Raymond Blank



Nicholas Brant



Yvonne Burrell



Victoria Carmona



Nestor Carrington



Dana Carrion



Wildana Carr



Mekesa Childs



Jerrell Coleman



Jemimah Conner



Maliah Conner



Malia Conington



Marcus Copeland-Pollard



Chanel Gallas



Leneja Gossamer



Ashley Goss



Darnice Gallas



Darnice Gallas

2009

# The Power of TEN



I like the dreams of the future  
better than the history of the  
past.

Patrick Henry

The future belongs to those  
who believe in the beauty of  
their dreams

Eleanor Roosevelt

Hold fast to dreams, for if  
dreams die, life is a broken  
winged bird that cannot fly.

Lorraine Hansberry



Natash Dorth



Amir Dorian



Judith Foster



Nakhi Foster Williams



Andrea Foubert



Charal Garrison



Devon Gibson



Sharon Gordon



Tanya Grandberry



Tiffane Green

2009



Savada Grimes



Rakenna Hankerson



Jannier Hardisty



Alejandro Hábago



Jazmine Hiett



Jerry Hooky



Danielle Hunter



Zefira Human



Ananica Johnson



LaShonda Johnson



Oanzka Johnson



Supreme Jones



Marten Justice



Jevon King



Jellah Ligon



Deonysque Linton



Stefan Little



As-Saber Logan



Jami Lorenzo-Gonzalez



Alexander Mayrocks



Matthew McGuin



Chelsea McCard



Nadine McKenith



Brita McNeil



Yvonne Mensah



Alex Mohammed



Christopher Murphy



Kajuan Murry



Marcus Noel



Vianessa Navea Burns

2009



Emmanuel Okoko



Marlon Okunaka



Victoria Parson



Marinda Pajon



Phoebe Paoletti



Jontay Phelps



Evan Pierre Noel



Mariah Potts



Christopher Raczay



Rapsa Robinson



Sierra Robinson



Hector Ruiz



Kaitlyn Sachdeva



Jelani Saleem



Gebel Sanchez



Dean Santiago



Aja Sarrachar



Ashley Sater



Brian Smith



T-Keysh Sneed



LeAndres Soggeys



Afendish Stephens



Patrick Stewart



Kiyana Stokes



Tarysha Thomas



Tiana Tison



Frank Tape



Andre Thompson



Javerika Thompson



Jonathan Uken



Naji Yous



Warren Burn



Zorah Wick




Jazzy Williams



Jewel W. Jones







Class of 2008

Juniors



Damaris Abadio



Atiyah Abdul-Latif



Angelica Abreu



Karime Acosta



Abdush Ahmad



Jessica Alequin



Fajr Barnes



Ivy Barnes



Joseph Bayron



Herman Berryman



Christian Boxton



Jolesha Britt



Anise Burkholder



Maria Clolua



Samirya Conover



Curtis Catler



William Davis



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Najee Durant



Berthony Duverglas



Hasniah El-Amin



Ashley Everette



Adeboye Falae



Tammie Forbes



Brandon Granda



Monique Hall



Aasa Harris



Crystal Harvey



Nyrique Healy



Gabriella Hernandez

# *Imagination is a true Expression of Talent*

*Far away in the sunshine are my highest aspirations. I may not reach them, but I will look up  
and see their beauty. Believe in them, and try to follow where they lead.  
Louis L'Amour*

*He who has imagination without learning has wings and no feet.  
Joseph Joubert*

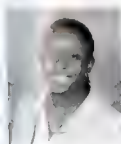
*Hope is the dream of a man awake.  
French Proverb*

*It is strong imagination together with opportunity.  
Michel de Montaigne*

*Where dreams of imagination play,  
The memory's soft figures melt away.  
Alexander Pope*

*Imagine every day to be the last of a life surrounded with hope, courage, and faith. The  
hours that come unexpectedly will be so much more the grateful.  
Horace*

*You cannot depend on good eyes when your imagination is out of focus.  
Mark Twain*



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Kharla Nelson



Malcolm Nicholas



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Christina Onuna



Charlidza Pierre



Brian Pina



Sacred Pleasant



Johannah Ramirez



Ricardo Rivera



Jezhe Rossaro

"At the time of the 2008 Olympic Games, the world knew nothing about me. I was just a girl from a small town. But I was encouraged - and we will make the goal."

Larissa P. Fleishman



Rohles



Karshan Ruffin



Dante Salisbury



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Raymond Simmons



Sheruse Simmons



Sarah Simon



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Serafina Smith



Tina Spann



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Latisha Thompson



Naby Toure



Quiana Trawack



Diego Troya



Nathan Varela



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Ayanna Walker



Musu Walker



Davion Watkins



Quaheed Williams



Hanifah Wilson



Latif Winn



Vanessa Wright



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"My success is not what  
makes me but what it  
does and who it helps  
will be my inspiration"  
Lindsay S.

## Success

*Successful people don't get there by accident.  
They figure out a way to get from where they are  
to where they want to be. One of the ways that they  
do that is by setting goals.*

# 2008

## Juniors

*You are definitely a junior when . . .*

*School ends Saturday at 12 noon.*

*You have to take the H&P's.*

*You have taken your S.I.T.'s at least once.*

*You have . . . Ah, Loisran for C.H.E.M.I.S.T.R.Y. & lastly you hold Mr.*

*Guzzie's disnourse for ransom.*

*In University, High had a college suite, you're getting letters in the mail from school, you haven't even heard of, and it seems everyone wants to know what your plans are for the future. Well then you are definitely a junior preparing for senior year. You've done all the prep work. You've gotten good grades, scored well on a standardized test, and are ready to look at the college you want to attend . . . so enjoy all your hard work while laying the groundwork for a successful college career. Don't be a statistic; be determined to make it through . . . and beyond. Take advantage of your network of new friends and teachers, have fun while learning as much as you can, and get the most out of your educational experience. Remember, successful people don't get there by accident.*







# Time for a spot of tea.



Is this safe to drink this?



Oh!, thank you.



I wanted coffee boss!

Mr. Leon serves tea to faculty to warm them up on a chilly fall morning. Just a way of saying thank you for being such a great staff.



Was that one or two sugars?



Jolly good ol'boy!



Content is a great importance, but we must not underrate the value of style. That is, attention must be paid to not only what is said but how it is said; to what we wear, as well as how we wear it. In fact, we should be aware of all we do and how we do all that we do.

- Maya Angelou

To the Class of 2007, as you step out into your adulthood and independence, remember always to make conscious choices. It is important to know why you have chosen to do something; It is equally important to be able to do

**Their time to Shine ...**  
Ladies and gentlemen I proudly introduce to you the Senior Class of 2007.

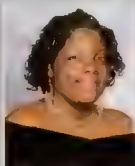
it. Show the world your gift; be fearless. Do it your way! I will miss you; we began this journey together and it has been a great pleasure to inspire and be inspired by so many of you.

The Best To You Always - Ms. Dunker

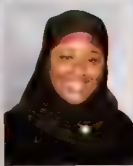




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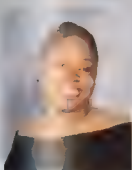
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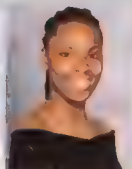
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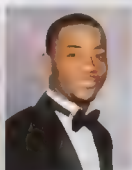
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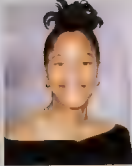
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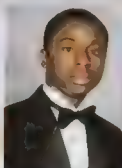
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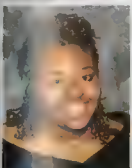
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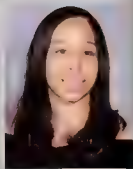
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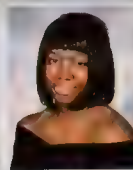
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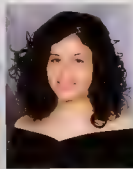
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Their time to Shine. The making of the



# History in the Making



Mr. Velázquez brings history to life by encapsulating the essence of what makes society so diverse. His classes create the foundation for the Law Academy which has flourished since its inception at University High School.

## Balancing the Scales of Justice



The Law Academy flourishes at University High School with the addition of Ms. Liza Lopez, Esq. who provides an in depth look at what it takes to balance the scales of justice.

Ms. Lopez comes to us from the Newark Public Schools, Office of General Counsel where she served as Associate Counsel for three years. She is also the immediate past President of the Hispanic Bar Association of New Jersey.

Welcome to University High School Ms. Lopez !

# MTV @ UHS

## THE DOCUMENTARY VIDEO

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Newark born Artist Jose Emmanuel Cruz, visits with students from Ms. Cuevas' fourth period class to discuss the role and responsibility the visual arts play in today's society Mr. Cruz shares his insight and personal experience on what it truly takes to make it as a visual fine artist as well as a computer graphic artist in today's world.

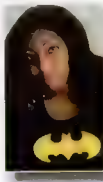
University students were able to ask questions about the creative process, while getting feedback on their own projects.

## A mark on society





There is a child inside all of us  
and it is most evident during our  
school spirit days



Nadira demonstrates  
that there is a  
superhero inside all  
of us.

—Nadira Gonzalez



## OCTOBER IS HERE.

What would October be like without  
celebrating it UHS style.

October is certainly marked by a series of events. Make up for HSPA, progress reports and of course Halloween. At University High School Costume Day is a time as Mr. Leon says, "to celebrate the child within all of us."

Students as well as staff get into the spirit and take the opportunity to dress up and rejoice in a childhood tradition, while enjoying as well as receiving the ultimate treat: a handful of sweets.

As costume day has become a tradition at UHS Fright Fest at Great Adventure completes the festivities in October. For the past six years University has been present to be scared, thrilled and amazed by the ghouls and rides the park has to offer. This year was no different. The largest crowd ever attended and was able to enjoy the park to its fullest. When many counted us out, despite of an impending rain storm, the skies smiled on us and after a brief shower the park was all ours for the taking; making it the best year yet. Even Mr. Leon joined in on the fun, riding the roller coaster with a group of students. It just goes to show that there is definitely a child in all of us!



**PARIS & NICOLE REUNITE !**  
Will there be a new simple life?

WOW  
That is One  
Big  
PIG!!!!!!



Pride  
during  
Costume  
Day!



THE CHILL  
GALS  
COME TO  
NEWARK!!!!



THE "PERFECT" PICTURE  
FOR MYSPACE.



MMMMM THAT IS ONE GOOD FRY!



ENJOYING A DAY  
AT SIX FLAGS

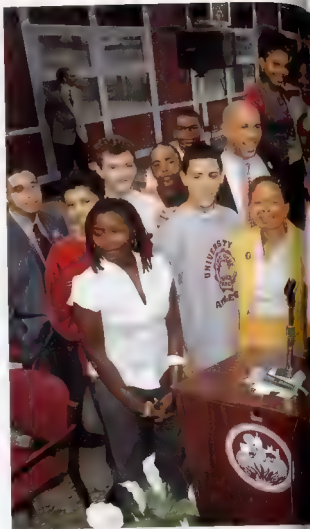
# PHOENIX PRIDE

## UNIVERSITY HIGH LAUNCHES "BEAUTIFUL NEWARK" CAMPAIGN

Newark Mayor Cory Booker and Superintendent Marian A. Bolden announced a partnership between the city and the Newark Public Schools to promote an anti-litter campaign, BEAUTIFUL NEWARK and its kick off event "ONE DAY".

The announcement to launch the campaign was made in our school's court yard along with various members of the LEAGUE. Students from University High school were featured in a local commercial promoting the endeavour; once again demonstrating UHS' commitment to "Pay It Foward," The school's motto.

The one day event empowered all Newarkers to - Pick up, Stand up, and Own up. Students from UHS were available to plant small trees, flowers, and various foliage as well as clean up litter along with other students throughout the city as the BEAUTIFUL NEWARK campaign takes flights.



## BEAUTIFUL NEWARK







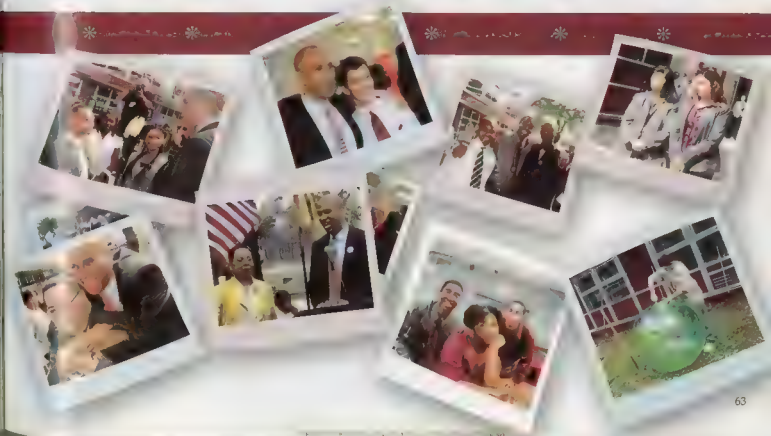
Mayor Booker committed his support and encouraged everyone to join him in the beautification activities. Students wore pins to commemorate the event.



Oh my gosh, I hope she doesn't pinch me.



Just smile, maybe they'll go away.



Paul Roberson Gallery

# ART IN SOCIETY

Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey

**ART IN SOCIETY** is a classroom and gallery arts education program stressing skills in critical thinking through visual literacy and interdisciplinary approaches to the study and the making of art. It introduces art-making as a medium of response applicable to a wide range of curricula, including history, social studies, literature, and languages, in addition to fine-arts studies.

Jorge Daniel Veneciano, Director of the Paul Roberson Gallery along with mixed media artists, Raul Villareal, addressed seniors from Ms. Cuevas' art class to discuss and view contemporary artwork by Latino artists working in New Jersey. The exhibition explored various political, social, religious as well as personal forms and their relationship to style



## PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

Secretary AUSA: "The unemployment rate is not worth talking without question, one of the most important questions for the world is re-education. You must look at your life and at the world from a fresh, new perspective on a regular basis."

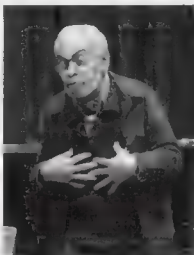
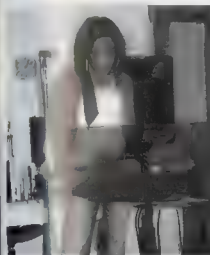




## Poetry lives at UHS

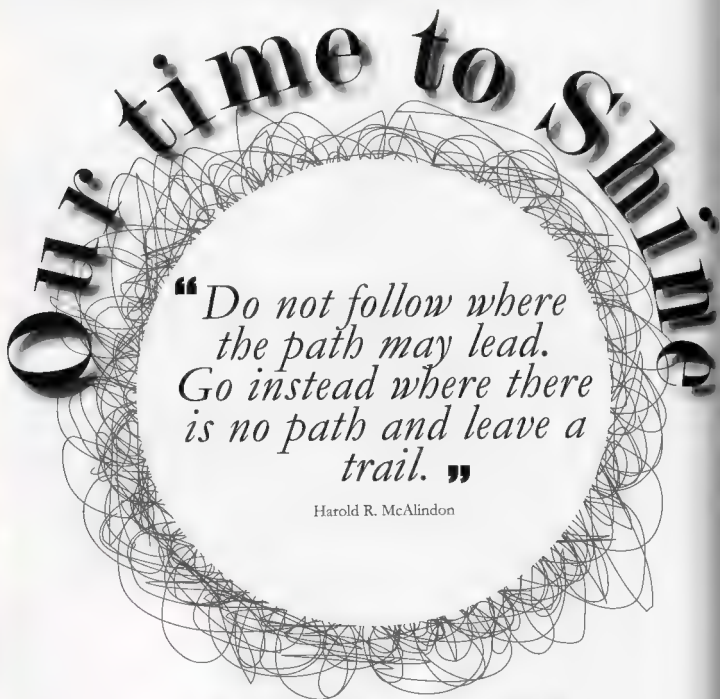
■ There have been Latino and African-American Poetry Cafes. There have been "Open Mic" nights in the dining hall. Now, a new era of poetry writing and recitation has opened at UHS.

Ms. Didi Schiele, senior English teacher opened this new era when she participated in "Newark Writes"- a poetry slam competition.



■ Students in the ITV Room participate in this year's Poetry Jam. The success of the Poetry Jam led to the participation in the New York Knicks Poetry Slam where University shined. Seniors Justin Allen and Jazmin Andrews moved to the final rounds, demonstrating that UHS is a leader among the masses.





*"Do not follow where  
the path may lead.  
Go instead where there  
is no path and leave a  
trail. "*

Harold R. McAlindon

2007

## Emmanuel O. Adachi

Words can not begin to express all the gratitude that needs to be expressed, so I will keep it simple. I am now ready to embark upon the next four years of my life and I can only hope that they are as wonderful and enlightening as the past four. I will the entire class of '07 much love, success and happiness. Remember it is our time to shine!



## Barbara Afolabi

We made it and it is OUR TIME TO SHINE!! Congratulations to all the members of the Class of 2007. May you all have a great future and remember that we have to "PAY IT FOWARD"



## Sakinah Ahmad, Class President

I'd first like to thank Allah for allowing me to live everyday and make it through the tough times. Next, I have to thank my parents for keeping me focused and providing me with a solid base we forth in life. And what would this dedication be if I didn't thank my other halves? Alisha, throughout this journey you've been my backbone, for every time I felt like I needed to quit you provided me motivation to push forth and these six years would've been nothing without you. Pookie us, although we only had three years, you've made it some of the best times of my life, always a laugh...see you in my wave pool. Joe, you were always there when I needed a shoulder or hug aside whenever I went wrong. My Maya, B-Weezy, Al Boogie, Ja-Ja and Fab-Weezy I couldn't forget, I LOVE Y'ALL SO MUCH. To my tennis SHOWSTOPPAS, including you Scoot, my softball my pep squad sistas, thanks for all the great times and putting up with my lack of skill. Finally, to the senior class of 2007 I appreciate the headache. Much Love!



## Abdus Ahmad

We are the next generation that can make a difference if we choose to do so, so it is up to us to make it happen. Congratulations to the Class of 2007. Remember it is OUR TIME TO SHINE!



### Samaiyah Ali

Above all, there is Allah a.k.a. my rock. Without him, I would not have made it through all of the tribulations that I have stepped over these high school years. Next, I would like to thank my other rock, my mother. You have been there supporting me since day one- literally. To my father, the ribs- Takiya, Shadi, and Laufah, my grandma, and my uncles: I thank you always believing in me. I love you all so much. To my best, Naimah, I thank you for all of your time listening to my problems when no one else would. I LOVE YOU NA!!! To the Eezy's, B-Weezy, A-Neezy, Jah New New, No-Weezy, and F-Reezy. You all have been my motivation for coming to school and doing what was. In yall, I have found friends. I love yall. To my sister, Sakinah, you will definitely be missed. To John a.k.a. Keyshawn, I'm going to miss you; you were like a brother. To all my buddies, Cordelia, Alicia M., Angus, Sabur, Gabby, and everybody else, you all will be missed. To my Scooby b.k.a William, the "Samaiyah get off the phone, go do your homework" conversations were needed. I thank you and I love you... To the class of 2007- We Made It, Ya Dig?!

### Justin Allen

It was hard coming in as the new kid at UHS. I didn't know any one. Ma, you have always looked out after me even when I didn't understand why you were doing the thing you did. I hope I make you proud and in spite of my stubbornness at time you know deep in side I love you. Thank for being there for me.

### Jazmin Andrews

Four years gone a new life to be given, Nothing will be forgotten these years are to remember, A special thanks to my mom and baby sister, You guys are my inspiration and a blessing God has given, To Tierney... you are the best, the only friend you call a sister, Believe I love you lots and you will always be remembered... Thank you... Pitt you are an angel sent from heaven, And every night I thank God for your existing presence, Karshan thank you for your love, you always listen, You are always special and you remain in my vision... Class of 07, best of wishes, Always remember to make the right decisions. Good Luck and don't forget to Shine

### Shavon Archie

I want to thank everyone in my life who has helped me. There is so much to say and not enough time and space. A special thanks to my family and to all my teachers. To the Class of 2007, you will always live in my heart. Good luck to you and may you never stop reaching for the best.



## Ricardo Astacio

Where four years go? I can remember when I first came to University; I have my Mother to thank for that. She fought for me, I was on the waiting list and entered the class with grades below my entering class, but now I'm fourteen in the class. Thank you to all of my family, but I would like to especially thank my father and my Blood Brother: Lito. I'm glad I decided to come to this school because I have made incredible friends and met interesting people. I want to thank my sisters, aunts: Mel, Kiki, Gigg, Nat, Alisha, Tito, Janae, Kiko (The Boss), Tish, Eshica, Naj, Amanda, and Mara (twin) for always being there when I needed you. I cannot forget my brothers: Jose, Abdul, Chris, Xsayvire and Mustapha. I cannot forget to thank all those teachers that were like fathers and mothers to me, you shaped my and I thank you. Thanks to everyone who I might have forgotten, I'm sorry Goodbye, Class of 2007



## Phylisha Bankston

These four years of high school have gone by faster than I can count. Sometimes it seemed like a challenge getting through it all both academically and socially, but in the end it was all worth it. First and foremost, I would like to thank my parents for constantly making sure that I was doing what I was supposed to do in high school. I would also like to thank teachers like Mr. Velazquez, Mr. Scutari, and Ms. Howard and other members of the faculty for teaching myself and other students of the C/O '07 to strive for excellence and not mediocrity. I am also grateful for my friends like Mariah who also helped me along through high school. Last but not least, I would like to thank my friends for being there when I needed them the most. My message for "DB" (Crystal, Tiff, Barbie, Siedah, Laash, Reese, Saneera, Duquannah), John, Johnita, Gabby, Mostapha, both Britany's, Albert, Harold, Hawa, and Frandy is that we must continue to strive for excellence no matter how many obstacles are thrown at us. We ARE America's worst nightmare... Young, Gifted and Black



## David Barnes

I would like to thank the man upstairs for creating me, make it to my last year of high school. Then the most important person in my life, my mamma. Then comes all my family, I love you all. But I want to give a shout to My brother Josh lol, WE MADE IT. I definitely want to thank Mr. Leon for giving me the chance to make it into this great school. This was my FIRST, LAST, and BEST year. Even though I am the NEW GUY So I wanna Thank, Aliyah, Quana, Shanice, Britany, both of yall, ALANISA, Iara, Sakinah, Samira, and the RDB family. The dudes I be ballin' with, Albert, Harold, Sabur, Poonte, Drew, Musa, David, Carlos, And Frandy I would of never made it without the teachers that help me, Alvarez, Ms. Leo, and Ms. Devaughn. Also my favorite security guard Ms. T. But I especially want to thank the one person Dear to me, Anais or Ms. Cisco lol. We been Through a lot but u still there. Sorry I missed you, Thanks UHS as A Whole For Giving Me A Second Family, Love You All.



## Malikah Best

Four years transforming into woman from a girl embarking on yet another journey. I wish those in the class of 2007 well. Mommy, you're my aspiration. You're compassionate and encouraging. You always push me to pursue my dreams and back me 100%. Thanks for being patient, words will never be enough to express my indebtedness. James, Ahronah & Paddy you made these years great yet stressful, I'm happy to know that I influence the three of you. Ms. Tierney my teacher, mentor and friend. You became someone on which I learned to depend. Taking another path in life leaving this one behind, you should know you'll always be a memory of mine. Moochy, Poodie, Papa, Study Buddy, Fah & Joe, I wish you well. Last but not least, my right hand, sister, and partner-in-crime Dominique, left hand and life long friend Syruana, home Toya, Buddy Lanasia, sister and companion Danielle, my ch'ny Shavon, mommy Shahidah & Chubby. You play a unique role in my life; influencing my decisions and making sure after I had nothing to regret, thank you. I don't think there's a person tucker. This is not goodbye instead this is only a new beginning. I love you guys!





## Amanda Borrero

I want to thank God for allowing me to make it this far in life, for listening, and providing me with obstacles that build on to the person I have yet to become. I then thank my hero, my mother, who is one of the strongest women I know. Her heroic powers include intelligence, beauty, and both physical and emotional strength. Thanks for being my superwoman. To my father for always putting a smile on my face and never letting anything happen to his little girl. To all my family, Emily, Ivan, my two loves (Brandon and Brianna). To my Uncle Pipó for always being there through the stress of life. To all my teachers who made a difference (Madrina) in and out the classroom and to the friends I could never live without. To Najla, Jose, Jessenia, Melanie, Davion, Leticia, Marangel, Ricardo, Joel, Rhea, Xsayre, Bemalton, Abdoulaye. To Nelza and Stephanie friends for life! Thanks to all my other friends tall, short, and in between. And to the class of 2007 ~ Let the laughs echo forever!

## Marangely Boti

I thank God for getting me this far, my parents for all their love hard work and support. I also wish to thank Jessenia & Hector equally for all the good, hard & painful times we experienced these past four years. We been through a lot but got through it all. I LUV YA!!!! I also want to thank Mayleen, Jose, Natira, Rico, Richie, Santos, Michael, & every one else I couldn't put up here for all the fun dee dee dee times! I'll miss you all!



## Dominique Brown

Mommy-You're my motivation for success. You told me that I should take "the road not taken" and that path has led me to success. You support me 100% and you push me to reach my goals. Daddy-Although you think it goes in one ear and straight through the other, it doesn't. I appreciate the advice you offer. Michael-You contribute to success because I have to be role model, for that reason, I must do well. Uncle Brian-Your achievements are my inspiration, therefore, I continue striving. You teach me things that contribute to my accomplishments. Nanny-Your support is appreciated and your words of wisdom influence me as an individual. Ms. Tierney-If I ever have problem, you're there for me talk to; you provide what I need someone to listen without passing judgments. You're my teacher and friend. Terrance-You're my better half and lifetime companion; you're my everything. You always have my best interest in mind. You're my encouragement; you keep me focused. Malikah, LaToya, Shahudah, Lanasia, Danielle and Samurah; Our friendship began in high school but it's not the end. You guys were always there for me; the support is appreciated. My gratitude is boundless and I love you all!

## Gabrielle Brown

This senior year has blown by so fast; I wouldn't be able to make it without my friends: Noelle, Brittany D., Samayah, Johnita, Quana, Harold, Albert, Consuelia, Phyllisa, Barbara, Crystal, and Coach Fei. I would also like to thank my teachers: Ms. Par, Ms. D. I love you guys so much, I thank you for helping me through my hard times and giving me a shoulder to lean on. I love you guys for that. Never change who you guys are because who you guys are, is what is very important to me. All the ones I didn't mention, I didn't forget ya'll. I love you guys very much.





## Shanidah Burwell

**T**hank you God, for being the force in my life that has allowed me to make it this far; Secondly I would like to thank Harry Torres a.k.a. Boom-Boom, you have been my shoulder to cry on and been the car when no one else wanted to listen. You are the best friend I never had, thanks for being my lover, my heart, and my everything. I would like to thank my Mommy for being there and guiding me through life. The lessons you gave me will stick with me forever. Isaiah you are my world, everything I do is because of you. I wanted you to know the sky is the limit and do not ever let someone hold you back. To Dominique and Toya, thanks for being the only people I can call friends. Shay and Shahid I love you and stop stressing Mommy out. To Treesh, we are growing apart but you stay strong and don't let anyone see you fall. To my Mama Keisha, I love you for always being there. To everybody else you know who loves you are especially HATE RZ, keep doing you!"



## Brittney Byfield

**T**hank you to my parents, my mother for listening to my crazy stories and giving me advice on life and my father for being there and talking to me about boys even when I didn't want to listen. To Ms. Ortez, thank you for being a teacher inside and outside of the classroom. To The Hellaz, Alisha thanks for being the friend you can always count on to be there no matter what, since freshman year, Anais for always finding a way to make me laugh even when I didn't want to and being a true Jay-Z fan, "The Dynasty continues ya'll die!" and Shanice for always taking my side when it came to listening to my stories about my house and being a real friend. To my 6th period lunch bitches, Johnita, Ashley, Fah, Samirah, Tiff and Tasha, thanks for keeping me company and entertaining me with slushy races. To my 1st period buddy, Saneera, thanks for being my morning entertainment in Ms. Leotsakas class. And last but not least my brother and sister, Jasmin and David, thanks for just being you.



## Abdoulaye Camara

**I** have only a hand full of people to thank for everything that has happened to me. I thank Mel because without her than I would even be alive right now. This girl flung me into life she's my best friend and I'm really lucky to have a friend like her; also my partner in crime Ricardo. You're always so uplifting and I'm going to miss you though. And I want to tell you I am better than you at MS and on a computer. No matter what you and Mel were there for me, even when it was the whole death list thing. AMANDA you're a great person and I'm lucky to have met you. Nay your cool one of the greatest things to happen to me. All the people who really care for me Jose, Joel, Chris, Lebeia, Mrs. Scheie, Kidi, my first bud, Blackmon and my mom, Mrs. Eckstein who got me in this school, Mrs. Leo, Velázquez, Mr. Corley, yourself my best bro. Donnie, Marilyn, Moniah, Joe who got me my first job, Siroy, Mrs. Howard, B. Tall black man. To all my guys I love y'all and we finally made it without me getting kicked out. YWUUD



## Helen Carbajal

**T**o my brothers Jose & George who have guided me and for keeping me on track and focused, never letting me stray away from my dreams. I love you guys and you will always have a place in my heart. To my friend Crissy who has been the epitome of what a best friend is. Forever loving & caring, forever true. I give her my biggest thanks for allowing me to be a part of her life. It is true that in this life we get only few people we can honestly call our friends and she is definitely one. To Walter & Nati the craziest friends I will ever have. To Jessenia you are like a sister and I will never forget that love you have given me. To my all time favorite teacher Mr. Summons I'll always have the utmost respect for you. Thanking you for always being there for me in the times of needs when the world felt cold and lonely you were my father figure and always being my guiding light. To the rest of the crew, Mara, Mayleen & Emily and friend Jas who never doubted me in finding the true meaning of love. To the class of 07" May you find all the happiness you seek



## Saneera Carroll

Throughout my years at University High School I had the time of my life. My experiences here were none other than the best. Although there were some bad times I always had people to bring me up when I was down. Lauriee, Xsayvire, Barbara, Partner, Crystal and the rest of DB played a huge part in that. But as they say nothing last forever. So when we leave here we will continue our journey through life with the attitude that "People are gonna hate on you regardless." Do what you have to for your life to be worth living and prove all the haters wrong. I wanna thank my family for helping me get through these tough years and also being there as my backbone. Also all of my teachers here at University, ya'll all contributed to my success as a student and overall individual. I can't wait to see everyone in the future and I wish everyone the best of luck. The Class of '07 gone be doing big things, be on the lookout.

## Yahmira Carson

The Best to all of the Class of 2007!

## Carlos Castaing

Thanks to God for keeping me here, also my parents for pushing me to go to school. But certainly thanks to the infamous class of '07! I wouldn't be myself if it weren't for the Royal Family and the rest of the guys (Johnn, Boi, Tishah, Justin, Tarrue, Swackaz), from co-eds to girls we stuck together. I grew to love these guys and now we're close like family. I love and want to thank every single female in this class for showing me love. I really want to thank Courtney, Lil Jazzy, Gabby, Malikah, Tiara "UGLY", my family and the rest RDB just for being there for me. A special thanks you to a very special female ... Ms. Patterson. I thank her for showing me what love is and how to handle these four years. I love you Nissy, I will never forget you. To my teachers, Mr. "COME ON FAM" McNair, Ms. "OG" T Dog, Mr. Cardoso, Mr. "ICE, ICE BABY" Scutan, Ms. "CHEER!" Raysor, Mr. Kuzska and finally the big man MR. "SLIM" ROGER LEON for helping me all these years. I will miss all of you!! #1 luv to the Class of '07

## Anais Cisco

These last years have been an experience that will always remember. I would have never imaged that I would have the kind of friends like you. Thank you Alisha and Sakinah, I learned so much from you. Alisha, thank you especially for finishing my phrases and sentences. I always knew you wanted to be like me. Sakinah "Seyonce" you always kept me dying of laughter, can't wait to take a dip in that wave pool, that you're getting. I can't forget my best friend, Joe, and my "teilar" Brittan, Shanice, Ashley, Lil' Jaz, my partner in crime, Quallie, Aliyah, Samirah, the tennis team, and my #1 tennis buddy Johna. Of course I'd like to thank my parents for bringing me in this world, my favorite teacher Ms. Ortiz, for kicking me out of your class every chance you had. Last but not least, I want to thank a student that just became apart of the senior class at UHS and an important of me, David. I can't forget my little sisters Myoshi and Zenja hopefully they'll go to UHS and write a dedication one day. Alright, I'm Done!

## Makia Crawford

**T**o my MOMMY, I want to say that I LOVE YOU and even though we don't see eye to eye, you don't have to worry about anything. McKenzie, you inspire me to persevere and do better because I have to for YOU baby sis. To all my friends/sisters/support known as R.D.B, I LOVE YALL we have regrouped so many times and that proves that this friendship must be something worth hanging for, so I wish the BEST for all of you. To the Royal Family, I am going to miss yall because you are like brothers to me, and I wish nothing, but the BEST. Y'USEF IT HAS BEEN HARD SINCE I'VE BEEN GOVE, BUT YOU ARE MY MOTIVATION. Last, but NOT least Terrance, I love even though you get on my nerves, nothing is going to tear us apart! This journey has been fun, the one I am about to take is going to be better. Word of Advice to everyone: STAY FOCUSED. 10 WORDS ARE JUST GROUPS OF LETTERS, BUT ACTIONS ARE EVIDENCE.



## Brittany Davis

**I** can't believe it's finally here. The graduating Class of 2007, WE MADE IT YALL. To my mother, I love you even though sometimes I can not stand you, but you are the reason why I strive as hard as I do. Grammy and Tooce, guys were there when I thought I couldn't make it. My Best Friend/Heart/Sister, Mira, I do not know what I would do without u, you're the one I can always depend on, no matter what, I LOVE YOU GIRL! To my Daddies, the people who motivated me to come to school everyday. Al'nisa, my dude since freshman year, I love that chick. My Maya my fellow procrastinator, my troublemaker Nita, Lite Brite, Kinah, Gabby, Delia, Lissah, Dookie and the rest of the 5th period lunch table I love yall. Kermie, Mu, Sabur, my cuddies, and everybody else I'm cool with, you know I got mad love for yall. My other half, I never thought that I would find love in high school, but here we are, you will always be my heart. I Love You!



## Giovanni Davis

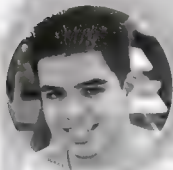
**W**hat is there to say about this school? So many memories have attached me to this place and so many experiences have allowed me to grow into the individual that I have become. With the support of my teachers, my mentors, and my friends, and my family as well, I have learned to live life to the fullest. Never shall I dispose of the values given to me by spending time with the "Burns", Nat, Nae, Lasha, Kim, Kiki and Mel, for they are some of the best friends that I could have ever had the chance to meet. I also want to thank the Bunches, Rico and Mustapha. I want to thank my mom and the rest of my family for making sure that I do well, and the other individuals, who loved me and made sure I got the best in life...they will always be part of my future. UHS has given me the push to my dream, and for that it will always be etched in my heart. I guess that's all I'm going to say to you...later my people...see you in a couple of years. I'm out to live my life.



## Darell Delgado

**T**o the Class of 2007, Not much more to say to you but good luck and best wishes to all of you in the path you decide to follow. Remember it is your time to Shine.





### Joel Diaz

I want to thank God, the most important light in my life. The source who has given me strength, courage, and wisdom to make the right choices in my life. To my family, thank you for always supporting me in the decisions I have made. I want to thank Ms. Mahon and Ms. Schiele for helping me so much with everything, and having so much patience. The class of 2007 is very lucky to have Ms. Mahon as our counselor and we appreciate her support abundantly! Thank you Ms. Hewitt, Ms. Kairu, Ms. Sroy, Ms. Loiseau, Ms. Cuevas, and Ms. Rosenbaum for encouraging me to follow my dreams and giving me words of advice. Most of all, I want to thank ALL my friends for always being there for me, for their loyalty, and their friendship. I will NEVER forget the fun times we had, their peculiar, but funny personalities, and their smiles. I know the class of 2007 will become VERY successful, and we will make Mr. Leon and our families proud. GOOD LUCK CLASS OF 2007!

### Walter Diaz

This passage was written at the last minute, reflective of my entire high school career. During these last four years I honestly have accomplished many things I would have never dreamed of, but still alive within me is a deep passion that strives for change. The diploma that we will be receiving this summer is not a finish line, but rather a key to the gateway of life and the "real world", whatever that might be. Four years of life are culminated within that piece of paper, although it might only be representing me, of a satisfactory completion of secondary school, there are countless people who have made that possible. I would like to thank first and foremost my mother, whose threats and advice has kept me in line all these years and of course my brothers and father Xavier I'm fortunate to belong to very large families who all have given me moral and spiritual support all my life including the entire JUDI, Mr. Ferand, Shelton, Mitchell, Nazario, Leon, Mrs. A. Dunker, Mrs. Savitz have through their teachings empowered me beyond the point of description. Finally the best friends anyone could ask for: Natura, Jose, Helen, Jessenia, Chas & Xavier. I'm forever indebted to all of you, never forget the good times.



### Amina Dickens

So much to say I don't know where to begin, let me start this dedication by giving thanks to God, my family. Mommy I love you, Jeff, though we go through our hard times, I love you no less. To my siblings Tara, Andrea, Destiny and the new addition Jade yall are my babies with out yall I'm incomplete. These four years has been no easy task, but it was a definitely a learning experience. To my sweeties Yaasi, Jennell, Antoinette, Tiffany, much love! To my lil homies, Noop, Iba, I'm bout to gun yall, lol!!!! To my haters yall know who yall are, the space page was cute. To those who indirectly critique thanks for the constant effort you put into thinking of me. To my sweet heart, True Friend, and Fake Diva, I thank you for being who you are what would we do without our friends. To Harold, Jamarious much love!!!!!! To the person who has been my backbone, who has encouraged me, supported me and loves me Prez. I adore you!! I look forward to what the future holds.

### Frandy Dort

My entire high school life has been a crazy experience, but it's been a good one. I would like to thank of course God "nah mean" (lol). Of course I would like to thank my FAM that has been there with me through the good time and bad times. I like to thank my brothers that kept me on track through this crazy adventure; I couldn't do it without them. I'll never forget the four years it took me to get to finish line that I saw ever since I was a young boy. I became a Phoenix in 11th grade but I will always be a Chad Warrior at heart, so I have to shout out my Chad FAM, Albert and Harold, they like brothers to me. My boys John, Carlos, the Muhammads, Dave, M. Norm, all Irvington Heads "nah mean" (lol). I also wish every senior a Great Life in College even if it is a County College. (LMAO)



## Laurice Dukes

To all those I've connected with. Every person I have met and was able to start a relationship with has made a difference in my life, Saneera, Barbara, Xsayvire, Tosin, Crystal, Tiara, Kim, Duquana, Donyea, and to my DB Gangstas. I want to say, that you were able to make my high school years very fun and interesting. I grew to understand the circumstances of not judging people because you might not know their situation. I always thought that I would never find trustworthy people in this school because everyone says something about someone. Out of my graduating class, I found a few; I keep those few very close to me throughout my four years. I was able to make a place in my heart for them. The place I have in my heart will always be open with love for them. I hope everyone becomes very successful and enjoy the outcome of their life. With Much Love, I will always miss ya'll Class of 2007



## Latoya Evans

These four years have not been perfect, however it was the many obstacles that I faced that pushed me to strive harder and harder each day. I made it!! Thank you. There are so many people to whom I owe my high school triumph, so little space. My mother who has always been my backbone and planted the value within me to never settle for anything less than my best; my father who is the wind beneath my wings and the person who built me to be unwavering and determined. My brother Craig for taking on the responsibilities of my father after he died because I realize you didn't have to. My favorite teach of all time Ms. Tierney for playing the crucial role of a confidante throughout my entire high school career; you are always there for me and I truly appreciate it. Donunque, Shahadah, Malkah, Lanissa & Danielle, ya'll remained true; you guys were another reason why I couldn't wait to get to school each day. As I bid the class of 2007 farewell and good luck as we embark on another voyage, I want the above mentioned people to know they will always have a special place in my heart.



## John Fields

It seems like yesterday when we all came here to University. At first, I really didn't want to be here. I didn't like certain people, but now, I'm glad that I stayed here. We've had our shares of difficulties but for some strange reason, always we were able to patch things up. I'd like to thank the Lord for giving me Life, Health and Strength but most of all, I'd like to thank him for giving me some great friends. To my niggaez... Albert, Frandy, Harold, and Dave, even though we met just about a year ago, I still feel like we're my family. Big Ups to my Brothers... Carlos, Will, and Nestor. Keep Doin' It Big!! To my Sisters, Camille & Cordelia... I Lovez Ya With All My Heart! Big Ups to all my Royal Fam peoples. Lastly, I'd like to say R.I.P. Yusuf. Things haven't been the same without you! If I didn't mention you, don't take it to the heart. I still gotz love for ya'll. I wish every senior the best of luck in life. Now it's time to move on to the next stage in life. In the words of Tupac... "Keep Ya Head Up!"



## Christina Fuentes

I want to give thanks to everyone who supported me and believed in me. It's also important for me to say I'M DONE WITH HIGH SCHOOL AND I'M READY FOR WHAT LIFE HAS NEXT





## Natira Gonzalez

Let me start by giving thanks to the man upstairs, Jesus Christ, I know I would not be here if it were not for you. Next I want to thank everybody who has helped me get this far and I hope you can help me get even further. Lastly I want to say THANK YOU to my all my family and friends. Have a great life Class of 2007. Remember to shine

## Andrew Green

I would like to thank the love of my life Gyresha for being there for me when I needed you. Words can't express the feelings I have for you. I hope you know you are my everything. I love you and I always will. I also have to thank the whole Royal Family for sticking together, standing the test of time, and being real above all other things. Ms. Tierney, Mr. McNair, Mr. Scutan, Mr. Cardoso, and Ms. Leo thanks for all of the care, love, and support. To all those who ever had anything negative to say about me, my relationships, or the Fam don't concern yourself with things that don't concern you! Chaz I'll miss you hommie I'm outta here! ("I went from C's and D's to being senior student of the month, you don't gotta like it but you gotta respect it Haha!")



## Jasmine Hairston

I want to give thanks to my family for supporting me throughout my experience of becoming the person that I am. It's almost a cliché to thank God for all he has done, however I don't feel the need to just thank God in a dedication, he should be thanked on a daily basis. I thank Ms. Harris for all that she has done for me. She's the only teacher that I show much love to, not only as a teacher but as a sincere entity. I will also have to thank Ms. Sharp for tolerating my nonsense and all that I put her through. I will like to thank my lovely sister April for devoting so much of her time and patience to be by my side. I thank my family for supporting me and guiding me towards the right direction. I would have to give a big shout out to my "home guds" since they are the ones who put smiles on my faces even when I'm swallowed by my own despair. It's only natural for me to thank Miss Ashanti for the imprint she has left in my life and my writing. Lastly, BIG THANKS to my mom for being my crutch throughout the entire ride!



## Farid Harris

Thanks you Lord for getting through my accident and allowing me to graduate. I want to thank my mother and father for maturing me at a young age. I love you. Thank to my royal family Mustafa, Poote, Bur, Drew, and Joe, Warren, and Chaz. To Maki-ki and Murah, Alinsa, Mayah C loc, Tak, (R I P) Sh, Playboy, Ki Ki we have grown since freshman year. To the rest of my friends love all of you'll, I wouldn't have made it through with out you'll. Special thanks to Ms. Tierney for being one of the coolest teachers in UHS, for helping and guided me since 2003. To Mr. Leon, even though he can be "himself" he's always been there for me when I needed him. To all my coaches, Mc Nair, Ras, Elijah, Ons thanks for guiding me to this point in my career. To all the teachers and the staff that helped me get through my years at UHS, thanks. Last but not least, to my boo Brittany, even though we had our problems I still got love for you. Thanks for faithfully loving me back and completing my other half!



## Yanai Harvey



Everything has happened so fast and now it is time to say goodbye. I would like to thank my mother Mrs. [unclear] for being there for me throughout my whole high school career and providing me with though love. To my friends Jennelle, Tiff, Najjyah, Mina, Nette, Saneera, Laurence, and Xsayare thank you for putting a smile on my face everyday! I love ya'll!!! To my underclassmen friends, you know who you are, I'm going to miss ya'll, keep this school alive when we're gone. R.I.P. a fallen star Yusef Johnson...you are truly missed and your class has not forgotten about you the smartest class of all '07, I hope you continue to shine throughout your life and stay fly! We really made it!! "Nobody can go back and start a new beginning, but anyone can start today and make a new ending." Maria Robinson

## Natalie Hernandez

*"The three things that are most essential to achievement are common sense, hard work and stick-to-it-it-ness..."*  
Thomas Edison.



The people in my life have been incredible, influential in my development of those concepts I would love to thank all the individuals who supported me through the highs and lows of my high school experience. I want to thank my wonderful family for caring and motivating me to always move forward. Inspiration and encouragement, along with the best of times and most cherished memories, came from the greatest friends in existence, My B's (Lasha, Nae, Gigi, Kiki, Kim, and Mel). And then there's Roco, Big brother! I cannot forget Mrs. Graham who is definitely like one of the girls but still managed to be the adult when needed. I love you guys to Death!! I want to also thank my mentor, Mr. Scutari, for the support, advice and class room he supplied when we had nothing better to do. In addition, I would like to express gratitude to all my other friends, teachers, and other individuals, especially mi amor, Chuck, whose love has helped me progress beyond my limits. Good luck class of '07!!

## Albert Higgins

Good Luck to you all the class of 2007 May your life be filled with what you want



## Danita Hinnant

"A sweet struggle that heals the past and seals the future." I came upon this quote and realized it fit my life. These past seventeen and a half years were not easy but I prayed and did the best I could. Fortunately, I was blessed with God and angels disguised as people that helped me along the way. First I would like to thank God and my parents because without them I wouldn't be here. Daddy and Ma I love both of you with all my heart. Next I would like to acknowledge Ms. Harris, Ms. Alvarez, Ms. Schiele, Ms. Melvin, Ms. Rosenbaum, Mr. Leon, and Carmelot. All of those individuals have helped mold me into the young woman I am today. Last but certainly not least, I would like to thank Tiffanie, Shunte, Zakkayah, and Siedah. They are my sisters. We have different bloodlines but God found a way to connect us. I love all of you. Everyone, thank you for being a part of my life, and with that said, my sweet struggle has healed my past and because of that, my future is sealed.







### Donyea Hoffman

**W**e made it and I'm so glad and eager to start college. Good luck Class of '07.

### Sintron Horton

**I** can not believe it. It's finally over. To the class of 2007, I wish you all the best, now and always. Remember that it is our time to shine. I would also like to give thanks to God, and my grandmother, my aunt Dee and of course to my sister Alalah for giving me the support as well as guidance I needed through out my life. God Bless You All and Thank You.



### Alisha Husain

*"The main problem with people is that they grow up- I won't do that." - Walt Disney*

**T**hanks to my B's, these past four years have been more than memorable. Nat, Gigi, Nae, Kiki, Mel, Kim, Ric, and Mostapha have provided me with inspiration, motivation, and most of all, a priceless friendship. Thanks, to Scoot, every morning was entertained by the invasion of my friends and I, most afternoons were too, as well as lunch periods, and every time I am told to go to class he will definitely be remembered. High Five!! To the teachers who have helped me deal with college applications. Congrats to the class of '07 for being "the best of the best" and good luck in the future!!!

### Latasha Hyman

**I** would like to thank my father for guiding me and telling me education is the only way out. Thanks to my grandmother and my mother. I also want to thank Jeremiah. I want to thank my brothers and sisters for being one of my biggest inspirations. Thanks to the lady phoenix basketball team. We won together, we lost together, some of even fought together, but we made it through. Thanks to all the coaches I've ever had, especially Coach Raheem. I love you. R.I.P. To all my R.D.B chicks. Ashley, Mirah, Gyro, Jas, Makia, Hawa, Qualle, Kiyana, Lyah, Annie, Kim, Shance, Donyea, and Tiara. I love all yall. To the person I call my brother. To everyone in my Next Level family. Tiffany, we don't always agree on things, but we are there for each other. I love you to death. To Essence, Enyyah, Ibo, Ant, Man, and everyone from Hawthorne. If I forgot people, I'm sorry. To the entire class of 2007.



### Harold Johnson

**T**hanks to all and good luck to you.





## Quallie Johnson

**M**om and Dad, thanks for teaching me the important lessons. I will use them as I embark on this journey we call life. I Love You both and I don't know what I would do without you. My sister Danielle for always being there for me and giving me guidance. I LOVE U SISI! These four years have been the best years of my life. The people I spent the most time with having fun, laughing, and getting in trouble with, my ROD sisters, I LOVE YALL. We had our good & bad times but we stuck together through it all! My Uni brothers Joe, Snoopy, Sabur, and David thanks for having my back also Anais, Almsa, Johnita, Almsah, and the whole Royal Fam. My two favorite teachers Lacey and Alvarez thanks for always letting me vent to you and giving good advice. Too many friends to name so if I didn't say ya name I didn't forget you. I just ran out of space... take care Class of 07', remember to shine!



## Precious Jones

**T**he time has come for my independence to be prevailed. I would like to start off by saying thanks to all of the people who have had a positive impact on my life. To my grandparents: You both have been the most wonderful blessing a granddaughter could ever receive. The fact that you raised me from an infant into a beautiful young lady has been one of life's hardest tasks, but I want to thank you both for sucking by my side because no one else would have risen to the occasion. To My Sister: I love you with all of my heart and believe it or not, you're my inspiration to succeed in life. To my significant others: You know that my life would not be complete without you in it. I want to thank you for putting up with me because I know I can be more than a handful at times. I appreciate you so much because when I needed you the most you were there for me. ~I Love You~ R DB/T.B.H/Class Of 2007: Good Luck and Remember to Shine 07'



## Shanice Jones

**M**y high school years have truly been a challenge, but it was because of the help and encouragement of my parents and those who surrounded me that made it possible to get through. I would like to give a special thanks to my mother because she is the one who stood with me every step of the way and made me who I am today. To my best friend Jennifer, and my "brother and sister" Michael and Nicole, words cannot express how grateful I am to have you apart of my life. I would also like to thank Ms. Schiele, Ms. Hewett, and Dr. Beaumont for playing such special roles in my life and letting me know that I can and will succeed despite the obstacles I may face. From this day on, I will strive to continue to do my best, make a difference, and make those who supported as well as myself extremely proud. Congratulations to The Class of 2007! It is our Time to Shine and best of luck in the future!



## Noelle Jordon

**B**efore I begin with the "Big Ups" and "Much Loves" I would like to thank my Heavenly Father and my loving parents, for giving me the mental and physical strength to make it this far and lighting my path for the future. At my time at UHS the people that have impacted my life the most are, Mrs. Mahon and Mrs. Melvin. When I think of a friend, sister, and guiding force, "Sharpee" you come to mind. You are always there for me mentally and emotionally, just thinking about our relationship brings tears to my eyes, THANK YOU. TWIN(Gabby), my best friend, my sister, my heart. We have known each other for a year now, but I feel like I've known you my whole life. You know we do it BIG now n forever, the world ain't ready for the Double Mini Twins. Double the Trouble but always Twice the Laughs. My girls, Shamayah, Dah.Nita, Britany, and Al'Nisa. These past years have been the best and I feel so blessed to have met you. I pray that our bond will grow with the coming years. Finally, I would like to thank those that were there for me during my most difficult times, the battles with my health, faculty and students, words cannot express my gratitude. You will always Shine in my heart





## Hawa Koroma

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## Darnell Lawrence

Good luck to all my friends and the Class of 2007. I want to give a shout out to Mr. Leon. You helped me when I needed someone. To the rest of the 2007 crew. Be well and do well!



## Tony Lee

I was given a special opportunity at University High School. One that I will never forget. To all my friends and teachers who have made a difference in my life - thanks! Do well and do right. Good luck to you all!



## Duquannah Leonard

I wish I could start all over again, but time goes forward. I wish the entire class of 2007 great love, happiness and success. Our lives will never be the same ever again.



## Aliyah Lewis

I want to thank every one who made it possible for me to get to this place. The next four years are going to be both wonderful and scary. But, I am sure that I will be able to live up to the challenge. To the Class of 2007, remember to shine and stay true to the motto of the Phoenix. "PAY IT FOWARD" and to Shine.



## Mayleen Lopez

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## Kim Ly

*"Our greatest glory is not in never failing, but in rising up every time we fail."*—Ralph Waldo Emerson

So much dedication, so little space. First, I want to thank the Higher Being, whoever he/she may be. You have given me such fortunate luck to have met the amazing people in my life and to arrive where I am today. I want to thank my family, my best friends (Mel, Gigi, Lisha, Nat, Kiki, & Nae), my wonderful mentor—Ms. Graham, my tennis coach—Mr. Scutan, the teachers who offered their hands when I was lost. Roco, my big teddy bear and Mostapha, and all those who have supported me throughout my four years. I shall miss all of you and would not have been able to hold on to my thread of sanity if not for your persistent encouragement, guidance, and listening ears. You all have dealt with the worst of me, the best of me, all those times in between, and that I cherish you for. You have all taught me to use my talents and to know that my pencil tip is much sharper than any sword. Through you, I realized my potentials. Thank you.





## Gerald Manley

For me this experience has been one that I will never forget. Thank you are not enough to express to all the adults who have helped me make it to this point right now. To the Class of 2007 I wish you all the best and we will shine and make our mark known.



## Tiffany Marshall

Throughout life, we may face obstacles that may leave us in a state of not wanting to go on. During my high school years I had become this person. High school had exceeded all my expectations. I was able to become the best that I can be due to many supporting me and giving me the strength to move on. High school has helped me to become more prepared for the world that I am going to soon enter. My mother always told me that these four years would be most memorable four years in my life. That is exactly true. I would like to thank my mother for always being there for me always giving me strength to move on. I would like to give thanks to my family for always helping me. Thanks to all of the teachers that help me to accomplish all of my goals during my school year. Thanks to all of my friends that were always there for me no matter what it may be, the DB GIRLS. I want to let them know that I am going to always cherish our relationships. Thanks to everyone, even those who tried to keep me down because your all contributed to me becoming a better person. Thanks University High School for the best four years of my life.



## Jonathan Martinez

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## Danielle Massenburg

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## Courtney Matthews

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## Jennell McIntosh

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## Tosin Mohammed

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## Melanie Morales

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## Tiffany Muhammed

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## Ashley Murray

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## Jamarious Nickerson

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## Keoni Parson

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## Mustafa Pugh

**T**o all of my friends, family and teachers, thanks for all you have done for me. It is now time for me to move on







## Marianne Romas

*"If there is no wind, row."*

**T**his is the Latin proverb that directed me as I embarked on the challenges and victories of my senior year. Fortunately, those that encompassed me were beacons of light that encouraged me to persevere through the challenges and strive for victory. Influential characters have been engraved into my heart. I am extremely appreciative of my group of friends (who are under alias as the "B's"); with whom I have shared many pleasant and hysterical moments, and all of the wonderful personalities of the student body that I have befriended at UHS. I will never, in life, disregard the supreme advocate of education, who has induced me to continuously strive for my identity as well as the self-satisfaction of an education, Mrs. Giroonda. My parents and older sister were always supportive of me academically, which has aided me in reaching thus far. My wonderful boyfriend Jorge, who constantly exhorts me to pursue my aspirations and the types of dreams that are lost in meteor showers, while sharing with me a love that is only found in classic English literature. I bestow my gratitude to God who has placed such inspirational individuals in my life.

## Antoninette Randolph

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## Cordelia Reed

**W**hen I first came to University I thought it would be challenging, but I realized that I will have the time of my life. I have had my share of times when I thought my life was over, but I realized it was only the beginning. I have changed from three schools in four years now I am at the top school. I have had many challenges in life but I am thankful for Mr. Scoot, who showed me math is not as difficult as it seems also, for teaching me tennis and being the best mentor to them all. To homeroom 215 Ms. Hewitt you're the best. Ms. Rayson in your absence I still love you. Also Ms. Alvarez you showed great commitment to the cheerleading even through thick and thin. To Mr. Khali you got on my nerve but you were still there for me. To My Brittany, Al-nisa, Johnita, Samayiah, My big sister Alissah, to the cheerleaders, My Xavier boy, Gabby my other big sister, my brothers John and Harold I will miss you all. To the class of all classes 2007 "Double 007" Last but not least THE BEST PRINCIPLE OF ALL MR. LEON, THANK YOU





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## Muhammed Sarr

I will one day be a great and important man. But until then, I will be the best student and scholar I know how, but first I have to make sure that I get all my assignments in on time. To the Class of 2007 good luck to you all and best wishes.



## Samirah Saunders

When I first came here I was unsure and scared. High School seemed like such an overwhelming place. Now I feel the same way about starting college but I know that I am ready to meet the challenge. To all my friends, Best of luck to you. To my teachers, thank you, and to my parents I love you for all you've taught me. Remember to shine Class of 2007



## Rhea Seetram

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## Latoya Sharp

*Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time.*  
Thomas

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## Xsayvier Smalls

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## Kimberly Staniger

Thank you all





## Mohammad Suka

**T**To all of you I say thank you.

**I** came into University as a freshman and at first I wanted to go back to elementary school, because I missed my teachers and my friends. Now I'm back in the same predicament! I came across people who love and like me for who I am. I don't really want to leave. For my DB Click Tiffany, Phylsha, Barbara, Crystal, Laurice, Saneera, and if I'm forgetting anyone I'm sorry we have been through a lot and I thank you guys for accepting me into your lives. To one of my best friends Danita who has my back no matter what. You tell me the truth even when I don't want to hear it. You stay on my case when I'm slacking off on my work. Thank you for going on this journey with me from the beginning and we still have a long way to go. The people that have a major impact on my life my parents Subrenia and Cary Tate. We may not be the perfect family, but I could not have asked for a better one. You've always looked out for my best interest. Any crazy idea I had you supported me. We have been through so much as a family and if I started naming things I would be talking forever, but we never once gave up. I guess to it saying is actually true a family that prays together, stays together. Thanks for staying on my case, because I know I would not have made it this far if you didn't.

## Siedah Tate



## Janae Taylor

**U**HS should stand for Unified Humane Scholars according to the high standards set for this nation's people, BUT IT DOES NOT. The fact is that we are not all unified and we are not all greatly humane. We are all scholars who choose to become individuals through this high school experience. Though after this experience, all of us WILL become Unified and Humane because once we find our individuality there is nothing else left but to help others find their own. From our made up languages as forms of communication to the way we dress and express our emotions we learn to find our true selves. I take this opportunity to thank those teachers, coaches, mentors, and best of friends who have helped us all get by in this insane struggle to soar. Thanks, Scutan a.k.a. Scoot a.k.a. Cuzin, Graham-mic graham, the Butches [Ren Suave & Moo a.k.a. sexy hairy legs] and last but not least of anything, the Burns [Gigi (TB), Nat (MB), Lasha (PB), Kiu (RB), & Kim (BB)]. No matter how much I have said I dislike this school, I'm still going to miss its un-unified, inhumane Scholars.



## Alisha Thom

**A**fter six years at University, I'm happy to say that I am finally graduating. I would first like to give thanks to Jesus Christ, because through him all things are possible. To my parents: I love you so much, without you I don't know how I could have made it to this point. To my older sister Althea and Brother-In Law Stephan: it's nice to know that I can always count on you two. To my grandmother, aunts, uncles, and cousins: thank you for always believing in me. To my niece Merissa, thank you for always being right there whenever I call on you. To my closest friends, Sakinah, Anais a.k.a. "Pookie," Joe, and Brittany: Thank you for making high school fun and for always being in my corner no matter what. I love all of you with all my heart. To my favorite teachers Ms. Ortiz and Mrs. Gironada: thank you for being an inspiration and helpful factor throughout my high school career. Sorry to anybody I forgot you know I love you, but if you want to feel special- (Place Name Here). Last but certainly not least, to the Class of 2007... we finally made it!!!!



## Jessenia Torres

**W**HE FINALLY DID IT! I'd like to THANK Jehovah for everything He has blessed me with. To my Mom, Dad for being there, supporting me at all times I love u. To my Grandmother, John, Josseline I love u guys. My family in Ecuador and Spain I miss you all. Thank you to all the teachers. MARA...thanks; we have many memories to take with us. No matter how far we are our friendship will NOT die. Luis E.A., thanks for being a friend when I needed you the most. Jeannette, Erika, Danny, Luis, Jose Y. (Class of 2006) I love and miss u guys. JOSE R. I wish you the best AND I'll miss you, HELEN (3years) and WALTER words can't describe how thankful I am I met you. GEORGE even though you left, I wish you the best. Cousins Carlos, Richie, Santos, Emily and of course HECTOR thanks I love you. Esthica, Leticia (my evil friends), Marianne, Amanda, Ricardo, Brandon, Michael, Beamlton, Kriz and Naura I'll miss u guys. From the Kingdom Hall Gabriela, Rosano, Carnon, Valencia, Argueta, THANKS for supporting us through our harsh times. NEVER! 2B 4GOTTEN THE CLASS OF 2007!!!!



## Tiara Towler

**2**007...we finally here baby! The past 4 years have been an emotional roller coaster yet I've lived and learned. Without my Lord and Savior, 2day would not be possible. Mommy, words cannot describe our love and without u I would not have made it through this concrete jungle we call life. I thank you. To my 2 little brothers that drive their big sister's hair gray, but I wouldn't know what to do without ya'll I swear! To the love of my life, the equal to my equation...no other man could ever replace u. I love u always and 4eva. To my RDB homiez/Royal Fam, David and Harold...we had the most fun, the most pictures and for all 40 of ya'll I wish nothing but the best. To my bestest babes Shance aka Syrup! Befriending you was one of the best decisions that I've made in a LONG time, but making you my sister touched my heart and forever you'll be my best! Tris, X, Chunky, Reese and to everybody else I forgot you already know what it is! Like a great man said "Hate if you want but cha wastin ya time" -T.I.



## Najla Tucker

**T**he end is finally here. All this time I waited to reach this moment and it's finally here at last. So much drama yet I'm gonna miss every moment of it. There are so many people to thank, yet not enough words. I shall start with my mother, who helped me become the woman I am today. Also, I would like to thank my father for being here for me and not forgetting his little girl and my little brother who helped me stay young at heart. To all my family who guided me to greatness and to this point in time. To all the teachers who I had the pleasure of learning from and meeting, I thank you for teaching me knowledge I need for the world. Much love to my friends who supported me and brought me out of hard times. To the "Crew": Amanda [Mandi], Mel [Captain Nerd], Abdoulaye [DL], Lencia, Roco [Big Brother], Jose Escobar, Joel [Jesus], Nelza [miss you in FL], Kim [my lazy Asian] and all others who I had the chance of coming in contact with. Congrats to the class of 2007 and the many afterwards.



## Joseph Virhuez

**F**irst and far most I want to thank the man upstairs, for helping me overcome all obstacles and keeping me focus. Grandma thanks for motivating me to become successful. REST IN PEACE. I'll never forget you. Mommy thanks for doing your job of believing in me, being supportive in my decisions, and being an understanding mother. Pops thanks for being in my life and the motivational criticism. Colossian, Rudy, and April I appreciate the times we had our differences to make me a stronger person and always having my back. Michelle thanks for everything and being there for me when I needed you. Words can't express how I feel about you. Steve you know you my lil bro until the end. Good lookin for being there when I had that beef. Young Life 4 Life You Digi! But, my brother from another mother you know I got you 4 afe. Qualiaa my sister from another mister you know we go back so let's make the future. Alisha (best friend), Anais (Pookie), Sakinah (Kisah) and Shance thanks for being the best friends ever. Love to the ROYAL FAM my brothers to the end. Thanks to the teachers. Live Young, Die Slow.





## Lashikeerah Walker

**T**he end is finally here. I made it and I have many people to thank for helping me make it this far and for keeping me on a straight and narrow path. First and foremost, I would like to thank God for allowing me to make it this far and for helping me to grow through my experiences both good and bad ones. Also I would like to thank the three people who have guided me through life and made sure I always did the right things. The first person is my mother, who has been my inspiration since day one, my aunt Cassandra who has taught me that you can always succeed through life no matter how many obstacles the world throws at your feet, and my grandmother for being there and never criticizing my many mistakes. I also want to thank Crystal, Fishica, Tiffany, Phylisha, Ms. Schuele, Ms. Ortiz and a list of other people I may have forgotten. I want to thank the rest of my friends and family. And to my cousin Noonee, keep doing what you're doing and you'll get where I'm at one day. Shout out to the whole class of 2007!!

## Najiyyah Webb

**T**o all my friends all good luck and have a great future. As for me I am looking to see what the next four years has to bring.



## Lanassia West

*"Ending a journey to begin another"*

**C**lass of 2007- I wish you well. These last four years can be described in one word, interesting! LOL Full of good and bad times, learning about life along the way. However, I did not make it alone so I must give thanks. Mommy, I would not trade you in for the world. No matter how many ups and downs we have been through you always stayed around and gave your support. Love you always! Sistecerrr! What can I say? You are truly my best friend and I love you for everything. Now to my homes: Malikah, my partner in crime, Dominique, my personal therapist; Toya, my smarty pants, Danielle, my buddy; and Shahidah! You all have your own personalities and I love a little bit of all of them. I wish you all well in the future! Ms. Tierney, one I will never forget, thanks for your concerns and support. You are now more than a teacher 2 me, you are my homie! With me I take a lot of memories. THANK GOD I MADE IT! I'm Out!



## Shanice Wester

**F**inally the best class has made it the class of 2007! First I must give honor and thanks to God. Next I must thank my Gram Gram, who always helps me no matter what, Enc, and my mother who is my strength. Big thanks to my dear nana that molded me into who I am. My BooO Kareemah thank you for always being there for me, and I love you Word UP! To all my R.D.B sistas, Royal Fam, Tha Fellaz I love all yall to death, especially my wonderful Booga! Thank you David (I love u) Extra Special thanks to my lovely Budie Jasmine my world and heart, I love you forever and ever! Thank you to my buttercup, you've always been there thank you and I love you for that. PANCAKES! (lol) I love you... seems like yesterday I was just "Friend". My BABE! Bianca, my sister, and so much more, I love you Hun! Finally the best for last thank you Yusef for helping me since I was 12, I know you are lookin down and watchin me. I wish most of yal. best with everything you do n life. I LOVE MOST OF YAL, IM OUT!



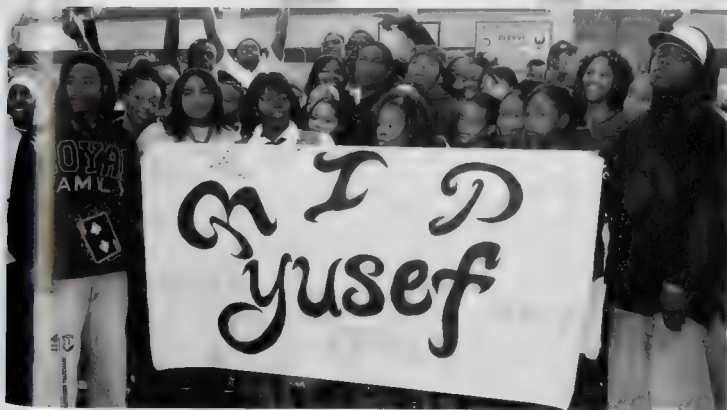
## Johnita Wright

Mommy, I love you and want to say thanks for everything. We've been through tough times and don't always see eye to eye, but it has only made us stronger! To my overprotective Daddy it was you who pushed me to surpass my own expectations. You took time out (To CRY) with me when I was hurting and I LOVE YOU. To my annoying little brothers I love you two! I couldn't see my life without you. To my entire family, much love. To my sisters, Sharce and Al'nusa you've been there through it all! Every time I was about to get myself in trouble, it was one of you reminding me of the wrong, but it was yall that was ALWAYS down to ride! To Maya, Noelle, Sakiney, Britt and Phylsha, I love you geeky chicks. To Ana I wouldn't have wanted to showstopp with any other tennis team. To that first love, you've taught me a lot THANKS. To that new found friend my (CARO) we've had fun times and I'm sure there's more to come. Class of 07, MUCH LUCK TO THE FUTURE, MAD LOVE!!!



## Crystal Yarbrough

Finally the day has come to exhale. These long hard years have definitely paid off. I would like to thank all of my teachers for their dedication. However I want to especially thank my mentor Ms. Roy, Mrs. DeVaughn, Mrs. Howard, and Ms. Schiele for their extra help. With there assistance and my admiration, I can honestly say that I have gained exceptional knowledge that I can take with me into the real world. To my elite "D.B" circle, I just want to say that I love each & every one of you for your loyalty. Last but not least I would like to my mother for always giving me the motivation to succeed in every single thing I do. My brothers, for being my protectors and my niece, Za'nyah. She has always been my reminder that I have someone who looks up to me. Also the rest of my family, friends, and my God, who have all been there when times were not always easy. One thing that I will take with me is pride and I will never forget the U.S. PRIDE!!!!





# I'm bring

## : Pep Rally

- From the Wu-Tang to hip shakin' Pep Rally of 07' was indeed a moment to remember.

Every year UHS puts on their Pep Rally; and each year is better than the last. This year was no exception. Students and staff united after three long months of hard work to display, what is the light of the event- THE DANCES. The Pep Rally not only presents our exceptional sports program but properly introduces the new additions including the class of 2012 and 2010. Without question the Pep Rally cannot officially be declared a success without the introduction of the class of all classes - the class that dares to wear maroon and gray, The Senior Class, the Class of 2007. This proclamation is always conducted by the principal who is definitely "bringing sexy back" the one, the only, the principal of all principals - MR. ROGER LEON.





# sexy back



From Seniors with their blazers to the juniors Wu-Tangin. Everyone is showing their skills. You go Ms. Rojy and Mr. Leon - work it! and show them what you both got.

# 2007



"Whatever you do, don't stop turning."



"Yeah, I know math... but I can jump rope better than you too."



"I'm a super senior. . . citizen"

"Precious, why are you side ways when every else isn't?"



This years Pep Rally was filled with all the excitement that one could imaging as the Class of 2007 was eager to strut their stuff and show the rest of the school that they earned the right to wear maroon and gray.



Maybe if I  
look at it long  
enough, it will  
play itself.

We're here to represent. . . and you know it's true.



Let's follow Jasmine,  
she looks like she  
remembers what's  
next.



. . . we're about to  
break it down for  
all of you.



# UHS 07'

On your mark, get set **GO!**

"All I need is a pinky to beat Ms. Pak."



"Now, now  
Ms. Gironda,  
you can't Wu-tang better  
than me."

"Do you have any  
final words."

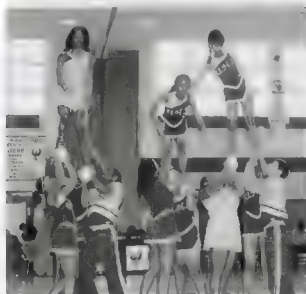


"If you lose you have to write a poem  
on loss . . . If you win, you still have to  
write a poem on loss."





"We tip our hats to you Class of 07'."



"Xsayvire, be careful don't drop me!"



"Oh my gosh, Chicken Noodle Soup and a soda on the side."





# Pep Rally







*Jimmy Diaz, senior*



*Jose Ramos, senior*



*Roger Leon with  
Christina Gray, junior*

PHOTOGRAPHY by Jessenia Torres and Gabriella Hernandez



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## THE BOTTOM LINE...

- 1 Tosin has so much school pride and spirit he is Maroon and Gray.
- 2 Noelle Jordan - is so proud to be a senior.
- 3 G & T and PROUD OF IT !
- 4 Thumbs Up!
- 5 That's Right, We have a Pep Band!
- 6 It's raining Juniors.
- 7 PHOENIX - PHOENIX
- 8 Yes, just let me sing!
- 9 They were hot . . . A hot mess!
- 10 The bottom line - We are UHS and  
IT OUR TIME TO SHINE!

# PUTTIN' ON THE HITS

## LIP SYNC CONTEST

### 2006

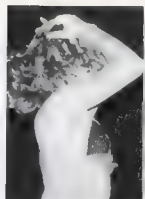
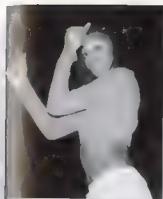


## LIP SYNC 2007

At the Sixth Annual UHS Lip Sync, our students and staff performed as their favorite artist from Beyoncé and Jay-Z to Missy Elliot, The Pussy Cat Dolls and Ciara too! This year has proven to be one of the best years, but you can be the judge . . .



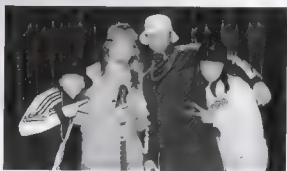




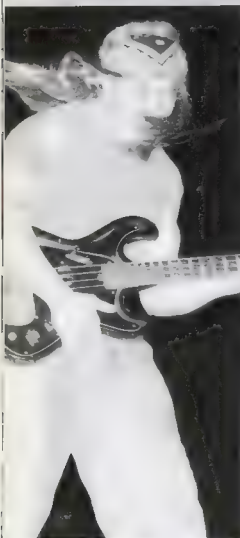
Elijahwon McMillian and Jaliah give everyone a little "Deja vu" and Beyoncé and Jay-Z.



Our very own "Aliyah," throws up her "A" alongside her classmates and Principal Leon.



Ms. Tierney, Mr. Connelly, Mr. Scutari and Ms. Alvarez all performed at the Lip sync and received honorable mention!



Mr. Connelly, rocks out on the guitar.  
ROCK ON DUDE, ROCK ON.



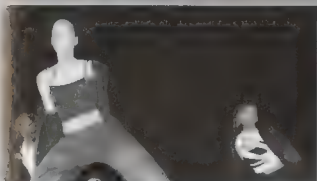
Mr. Scutari is a  
"SMOOTH  
CRIMINAL."



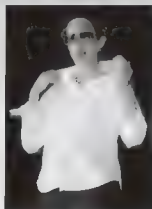
Senior, Tosin  
Muhammed per-  
forms with  
Freshmen - Liana,  
Carlos and Sable -  
A true expression of  
talent.



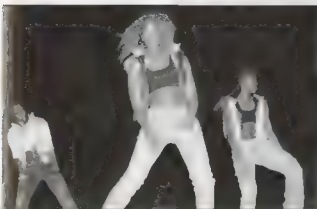
The had to "Ring the Alarm" on Monique, while Ms. Alvarez shows off her rapping skills in her performance.



Erica makes a promise to her audience as Ciara - T. Singleton, a junior was Chris Brown and told everyone to "Gimme Dat" title, and they did just that she placed 2nd.



Hey, Is that Ms. Tierney? Why, yes it is. You go girl!



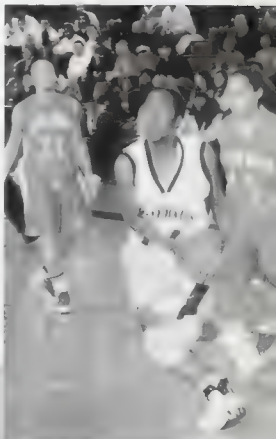
# Festival of the Phoenix

OUT OF THE ASHES TO RISE IN GLORY

**Our Lady Phoenix**  
go for the shot, and  
Perth Amboy had no  
chance of winning with  
our Ladies on the court.

- #1 Tiffany Green
- #2 Mecca Newton
- #3 Nadirah McKenith
- #5 Latifah Johnson
- #14 Latasha Hyman
- #15 Raven Anderson
- #23 Laurin Mincy



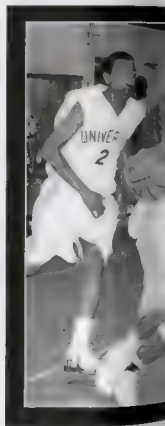


Senior,  
Latasha Hyman  
plays no games  
when it comes to  
basketball.

# Gentlemen Phoenix

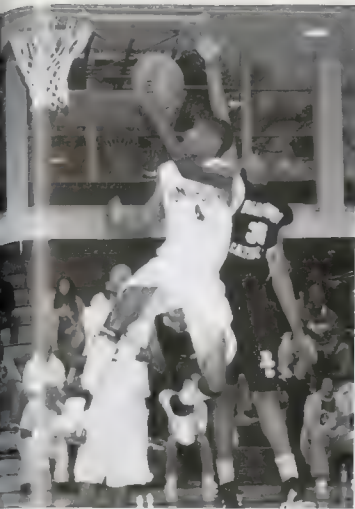
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atch out as our Gentlemen Phoenix  
take to the court and make their  
presences known to all.



Oh my gosh, please make the shot!





At the Festival of  
the Phoenix, the  
Gentlemen  
Phoenix take to  
the hoop.



#1 Tauron Manton  
#2 Nyrique Healy  
#4 Rajohn Phelps  
#23 Devon Gibson



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# Good Cheers



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As the new year approached the university High School Star Polishers had their traditional Holiday Gift Exchange. This was an opportunity for teachers to share stories, exchange gifts, and have a well deserved break and share new ideas with colleagues. Each person opening up their holiday gift wondering "Oh! what will it be?" Peter Connelly, (1) prayed that Santa would bring him a nice treat and surprise. Now Peter, were you naughty or nice this year? Hmmmm? Sandy Hewitt (5) was definitely happy with her holiday gift, while Mimi Rosenbaum thought "Hey I can't find it!" Not to worry, Marilyn Howard (6) we found yours "Love those Yankees" from Quetzly Rivera (10) and Tim Simmons (6) was very happy with his gift and all is well in the universe. Happy thoughts and best wishes from Lydia Alvarez and Kathleen Tierney. Warm hug from Sheila Gray (8), as well as from Blean and not to mention a sneak peek from Mary Leostakas (9).

Gift upon gift with lots of hugs and kisses, laughter, glad tidings and merriment from the staff of university High School as they celebrate with good cheers



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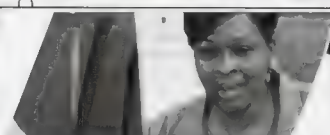


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# YEARBOOK

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shadow  
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Year book as well  
it is the Yearbook



JAY SIMON  
2007 Yearbook

Putting together a yearbook is no game or easy task. Just ask Faculty Advisors Ms. Rivera and Ms. Cuevas as they and their staff work hard to create the 2007 PHOENIX Yearbook.



MIK, Junior,  
well as yearbook  
photographer.



ESSENIA TORRES, Senior



Yearbook



STAFF



photographer



NIJALA TUCKER, Senior



# CLUBS, CLUBS & MORE CLUBS!

SENIOR CLASS PRESIDENT,  
SAKINAH AHMAD

YOU MUST BE THE CHANGE YOU WISH TO SEE  
IN THE WORLD - MAHATMA GHANDI



Ms. Rosenbaum, Faculty Advisor



Ms. Melvin-Salaam, Faculty Advisor, Best Friends



Ms. Wing, Faculty Advisor



Ms. Rivera, Faculty Advisor, Multicultural Dance Group





# CLUBS, CLUBS



SENIOR CLASS VICE PRESIDENT,  
SAMAIYAH ALI

NEVER DOUBT THAT A SMALL GROUP OF  
THOUGHTFUL COMMITTED CITIZENS CAN  
CHANGE THE WORLD, INDEED IT'S THE ONLY  
THING THAT EVER HAS - MARGARET MEAD



Ms Brebric, Faculty Advisor, Future Business Leaders of America



Ms. Schiele, Faculty Advisor

Ms Siroy, Faculty Advisor, Math Honor Society

# MORE CLUBS!

EVERYONE CAN BE GREAT, BECAUSE EVERYONE CAN SERVE - MARTIN L. KING JR.

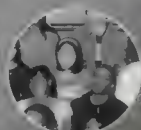
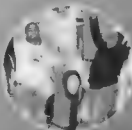
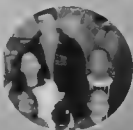
SENIOR CLASS TREASURER,  
CRYSTAL YARBOROUGH



Ms. DeVaughn, Faculty Advisor National Honor Society



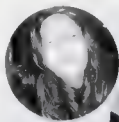
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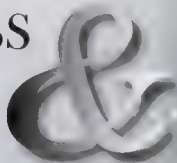
Ms. Howard, Faculty Advisor, Phoenix Flame Newspaper







# CLUBS, CLUBS



SOME PEOPLE WANT IT TO HAPPEN, SOME WISH IT TO HAPPEN, OTHER MAKE IT HAPPEN. THEREFORE DECIDE TO JOIN AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



Mr. Nazano, Faculty Advisor, Policy Debate Team



Ms De Vaughn, Faculty Advisor, UHS Book Club



Ms De Vaughn, Faculty Advisor, French Honor Society

# YET, MORE CLUBS!



Ms. Cuevas, Faculty Advisor, Phoenix Photographers



Dr. Rahimi, Faculty Advisor, Speech



Ms. Rosenbaum, Faculty Advisor, Speech

# CLUBS, SQUADS, & TEAMS OH MY!



Ms. Benders, Faculty Advisor REBEL



Mr. Scum...





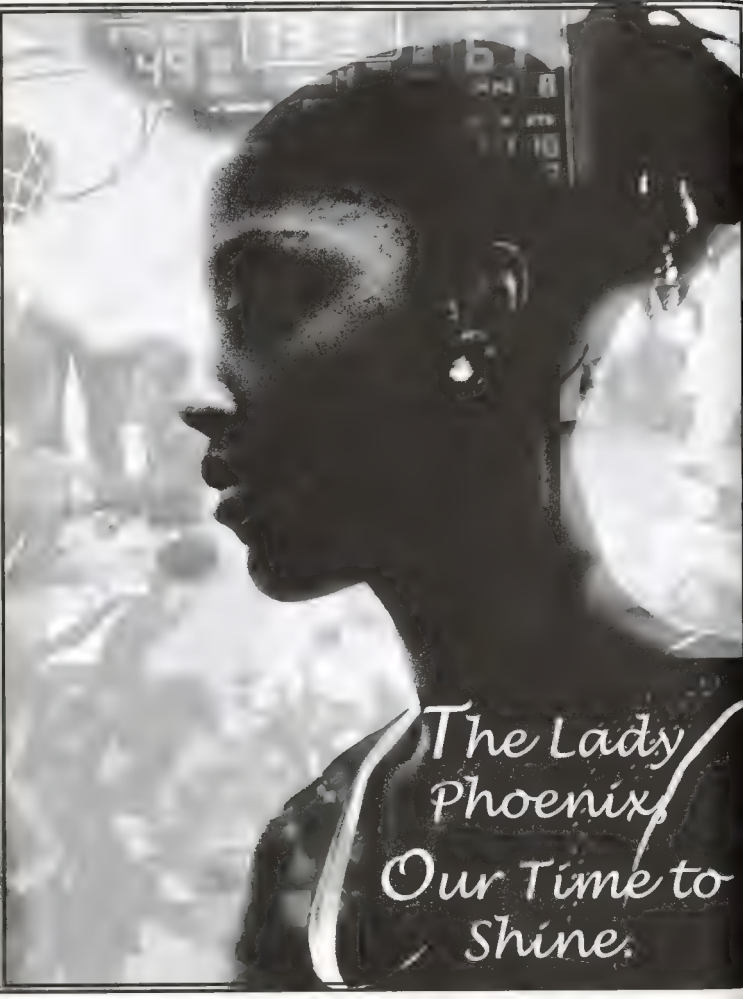
Mr. Scutarri, Faculty Advisor Girls Tennis



## *The Gentlemen Phoenix*



Head Coach Allen, Assistant Coach Anderson and Mr. Cowin with the Gentlemen Phoenix



*The Lady  
Phoenix  
Our Time to  
Shine.*

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Alissan  
A captain  
with team  
spirit.



Can you  
guess who  
is who?

# Seniors



As the year unfolded the moment for our ladies was marked by pure excitement. Our Senior Ladies would embark on their last year of high school ball; but what a memorable year it was. Although plagued with injuries throughout their careers, Gabby, Anasie, Latasha and our cheerful captain Ajoseah brought to the court years of experience and leadership. A year that would have Latasha celebrating her 18th birthday at the Continental Arena as she played a pivotal role in securing the title for the Lady Phoenix.



# Reaching Greatness

As the season began all eyes were on the Lady Phoenix; could they be the success we were all envisioning? Would 2007 be their Time To Shine? Game after game the Ladies provided evidence that this would be a memorable year. After reaching success as the Colonial Hills Conference Champions; the Lady Phoenix embarked on the



ultimate quest - the coveted title of State Champions in the Tournament of Champions. The Ladies ranked #1 in the Star-Ledger entered the tournament as a crowd favorite; with each game gaining the respect of those who were watching their journey to victory. At the Ritacco Center in Toms River, New Jersey they captured the Group I State Championship title with a final score of 80 to 55 against the Palmyra Panthers, which guaranteed their spot in the Tournament of Champions.







Leadership born

Leadership

STANLEY HIGGINS

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County Championship



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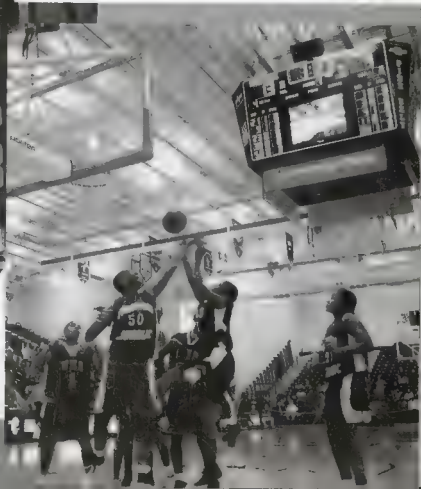
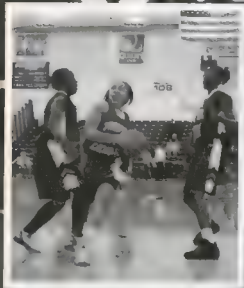
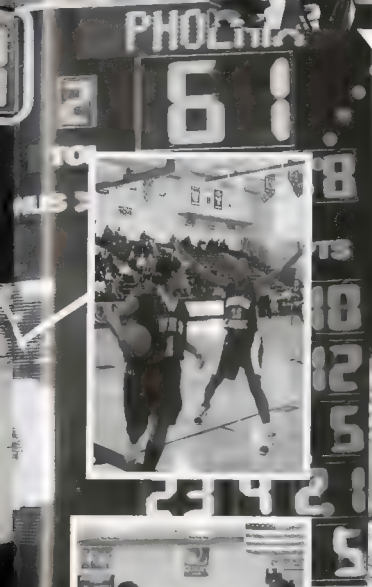
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COLLEEN McCANN  
Athletic Trainer

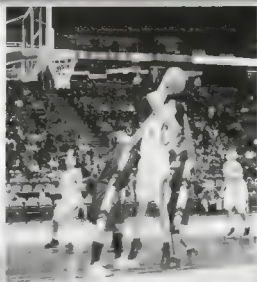
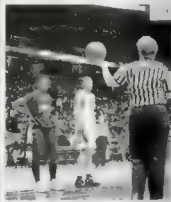
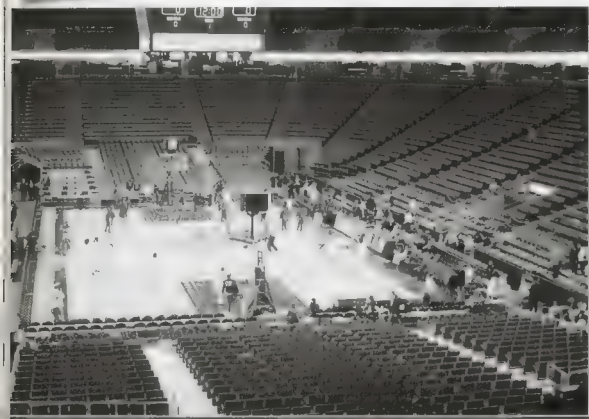
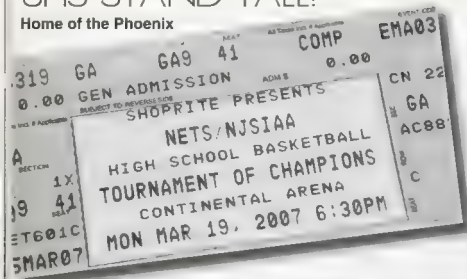
ANNA LIONETTI-D'ANTONIO  
Athletic Director

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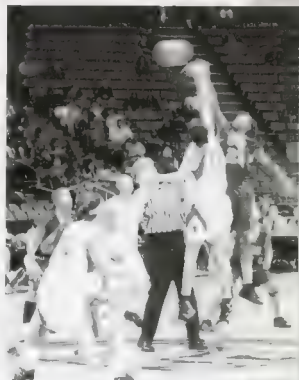
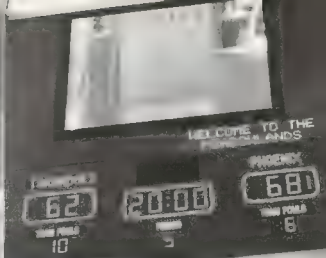
# UHS STAND TALL!

Home of the Phoenix



Could the Group I School defeat the powerhouse Group 4 team of Trenton Central and become part of history? As the clock took the Lady Phoenix into overtime that was perhaps the moment that placed everyone off their feet - as they cheered PHOENIX - PHOENIX!





This was not a game for the faint of heart but one that invigorated and solidified the Lady Phoenix place among the very best. The game would end with a victory for the Lady Phoenix against the Tornadoes with a final score of 68 - 62.

Declaring it was indeed

**THEIR TIME TO SHINE!**



New Jersey  
Tournament of Champions  
2007



University High School  
*Lady* PHOENIX



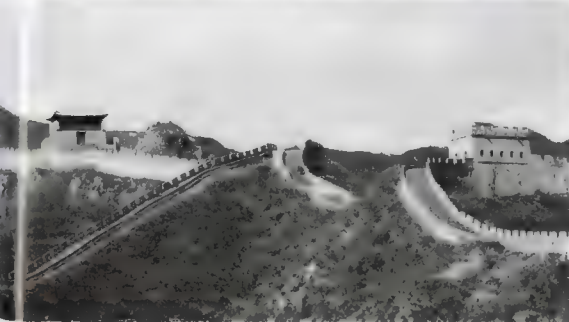
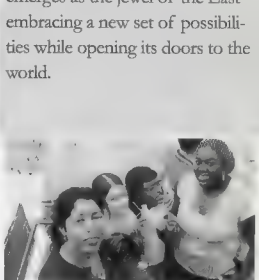
# CHINA

*"The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step."*

**Chinese proverb**

**T**he blending of old and new is evident in the People's Republic of China. Each day a step is taken and at the end the journey there will be both new and old--rebuilding the face of China. But in between there are thousands, possibly millions of steps to be taken, hence one has to occur before the next. A proud China with a history of tradition

emerges as the jewel of the East embracing a new set of possibilities while opening its doors to the world.





# The Phoenix

The journey began on board Air China's flight 982 that departed from JFK which lead to a long wait that finally brought everyone on their way to China. Thirteen and half hours later-exhausted but happy the group arrived in Beijing to the first of many events that would spark the wonder in all.

A visit to the Ming Tombs, the last resting place of the thirteen emperors of the Ming Dynasty was followed by an impressive and breathtaking walk through the magnificent Great Wall. As the days progressed University embarked on a fascinating trail that would have all walking in the footsteps of so many others who graced the streets of Beijing, Suzhou, Hangzhou and Shanghai.

At times the group became a tourist site for others to photograph as experienced in Tien'anmen Square which is busy but quite orderly and quiet. Soldiers stand at attention at monuments in front of governmental buildings surrounding the square. The enormity of the square engulfed one into what so many must have seen and heard years before. The Summer Palace, Temple of Heaven



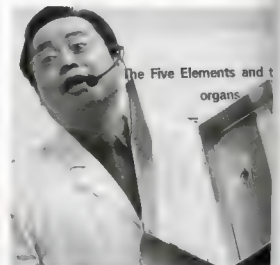
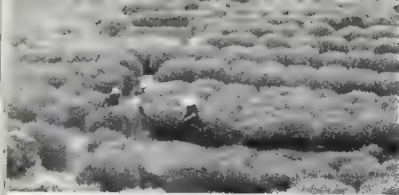


# meets the Dragon



and Buddhist Temple brought a sense of serenity to the group as they strolled through the vast lands. Each place marked a new venture for the group to explore and expand their wealth of knowledge-- the sampling of Chinese cuisine, the complexity of carving a piece of jade or the harvesting of the perfect emperor's tea was just a taste of what China had to offer.





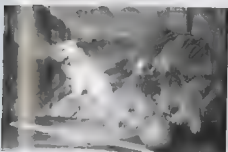
The culture of China is home to one of the world's oldest and most complex civilizations with a history rich in over 5,000 years of artistic, philosophical, political and scientific advancement.

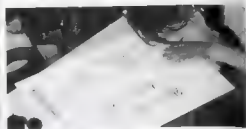




# The Center Kingdom

Surrounded by history, now a part of University's existence everyone embraced all that China had to offer its infinite beauty, natural riches and people became the catalyst for a better understanding of how one could appreciate, respect and value another culture as well as one's own.





A visit to such a wondrous land could not be complete without connecting with the youth of China. As the tour was coming to an end the group had the opportunity to visit Asahi Training a language school in Hangzhou, whose soul purpose was to provide students with the ability to master a new language whether it is French, Japanese, German or English. The students most the same age as the University High students were very poised and candid about their feelings of what China was truly like and what was expected of them as the next generation to affect change.



The Asahi students skillfully demonstrated their command of the English language as they socialized with our students and exchanged ideas as to what was their vision as the New Face of China. Our students were left with a valuable impression of what young people regardless of nationality can do if given the opportunity to express themselves and were able to find that common thread that intertwines us all-speaking from the heart. The engagement became the perfect moment to simply say *nǐ hǎo* and *Xie xie*.





# Time to say:

## *Thank You*

We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all those friends, students, and family members who made this 2007 Yearbook possible. We couldn't have done it without your help and financial support.



*Esheva Shewell*

Congratulations from your family and friends.  
Your hard work has definitely paid off!  
Good Luck to you in college.

*Jasmine Morrast*



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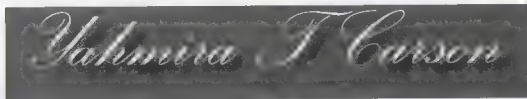


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Jimmy Matos  
Idris Kennedy

Denae & Darryl Harper  
Kojak  
McNeil  
P'tory Brown  
Nathaniel Sutton  
Jamel Harvey – Daddy love you  
Ayanna M. Martin – I love you sis  
Iris Martin – May God Bless You, daughter



*"God be the glory"* to My Pride & Joy, for the last 16 years you have given me all the joy in the world. I knew you 16 years ago that you were special in every way. It is now time for you to take your knowledge and soar into the future. To become the young woman you are destined to be. Remember, you have the key inside of you to do great things; now spread your wings and continue to make your mommy proud. I love you with all my heart, soul and body.

Love Always  
Your Mommy

# CONGRATULATIONS!

*Natalie Hernandez*



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*Best Wishes to you  
 from all those who  
 Love You.*

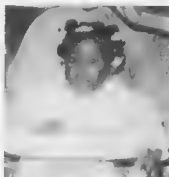
# Latoya Evans



## To My Shinning Star

At everything you aspire, I wish you all the best. Ever since you were a small, I saw your drive and determination. As the years passed you maintained your great spirit. You've received countless awards, certificates, and trophies as recognition of your great gifts. You are truly amazing and I'm so very proud of you. Make every effort to withhold your exceptional character; may God bless you in all your endeavors now and always.

With all my love,  
Mom



To my baby sister,  
I am extremely proud of you. Continue to strive for greatness. You are blessed and highly focused, reach for the moon for if you fall you will be amongst the stars.

Love always  
Tiecher

To my daughter,  
Guiding you from up above. I love you.  
Daddy - L.V. Evans

To my baby sister,  
You have exceeded every expectation I had for you. Stays focused and know that I am here for you. I love you and keep making me proud.  
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Congratulations Latoya  
I'm very proud of you. Keep up the good work.  
Love, Oscar

## Congratulations from . . .

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Ike  
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KJ5 Howell  
Gwen Williamson  
Aunt Charlene  
Aisha Belfield  
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The Cooper Family  
The McGill Family  
The Gordon Family  
Aunt Bobby  
Aunt Pearl  
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**We All Love You.**

**"IF YOU CAN BELIEVE, ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE"**

**MARK 9:23**

# Yahmira Carson



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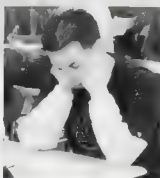
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Sallie Gamble  
"May God be the Glory"  
Katie Blamahsah  
"Best Wishes"

# Guess who is Next !

As the CLASS OF 2007 moves on and the CLASS OF 2008 steps up to the plate. They have accepted the challenges and passed the test, and now its time for their ultimate journey to begin. Good luck and best wishes.





# 2008



*"Trust that  
still, small voice  
that says, 'This  
might work and  
I'll try it.'"*

*Diane  
Mariechild*



# A few words of advice from

The future is in your hands so take the advice from the Class of 2007. What you do now impacts on your future and the lives of every one in it. This is about you and what you do has implications on society, your community, the student body, teachers and staff. With a little discipline and time management you can have a great senior year. Remember to keep everything in perspective and never lose focus on the important things.

"Don't let the fear of striking out keep you from playing the game."

"Believe in yourself"

ITEMS THAT WILL BE ON YOUR FINAL TRANSCRIPT:

ENGLISH  
MATHEMATICS  
SOCIAL STUDIES  
SCIENCE  
AP COURSES  
SEMINARS  
ELECTIVES  
GYM/ HEALTH  
YOUR GPA  
YOUR CLASS RANK  
YOUR S.A.T. SCORE

CONSIDER YOUR COMMITMENT TO YOURSELF.

## GO TO CLASS!

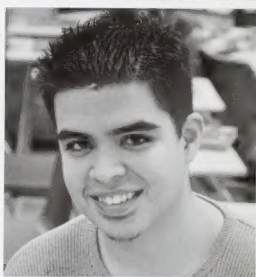
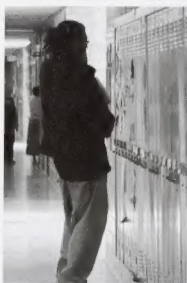
*"Education is what survives when what has been learned has been forgotten."*







# 2007



*Your time to shine . . .*

*the rest is still*

*unwritten.*

Janae,

I can't believe how quickly the last two years have gone by. I will truly miss being greeted every morning and crazy comments about Jesus' abs. You will be remembered as my student, my player, my manager, but most of all . . . my friend. It has been my pleasure to know you and I look forward to seeing what you become. Stay in touch.

All the best,  
Scoot

May - Forget  
Never Forget  
the crazy ass  
times we had together  
(AKA Freshman Year)  
Twenty - We Done!  
Peace out

Amanda  
-Whitie-

TO BITCH,  
Well I must  
admit that I  
do like you as a  
person so much  
I really don't  
want to  
be in the future  
making  
being  
best of  
friends with  
you. Luck  
-Cord  
♥

Janae,  
Your funny ass  
always kept me laughin'  
2nd period. I'll miss  
those times.

LOVE, Christina  
c/o 2008

Ananda Herbs  
Don't have too much  
fun?

Janae,

Your personality will  
always be with me.  
Have fun in college.  
You are a wonderful  
girl, and I wish you  
best of luck!!  
We made it; finally!!

Emmanuel Adachi  
c/o 2007 862-684-2123

Janae,  
All the best! You  
deserve all that you  
strive for.  
T-DO 66

Janae-nae  
I'ma miss your  
smart ass. You  
big meanie. Have  
fun in college. Be  
safe  
Love ya  
Brittany D.

JANA E,

My tennis Homie  
MBS perfect score  
ON MATH 45PA

Your da best  
It was fun  
with friends  
being best of  
friends with  
you. Luck  
-Cord  
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